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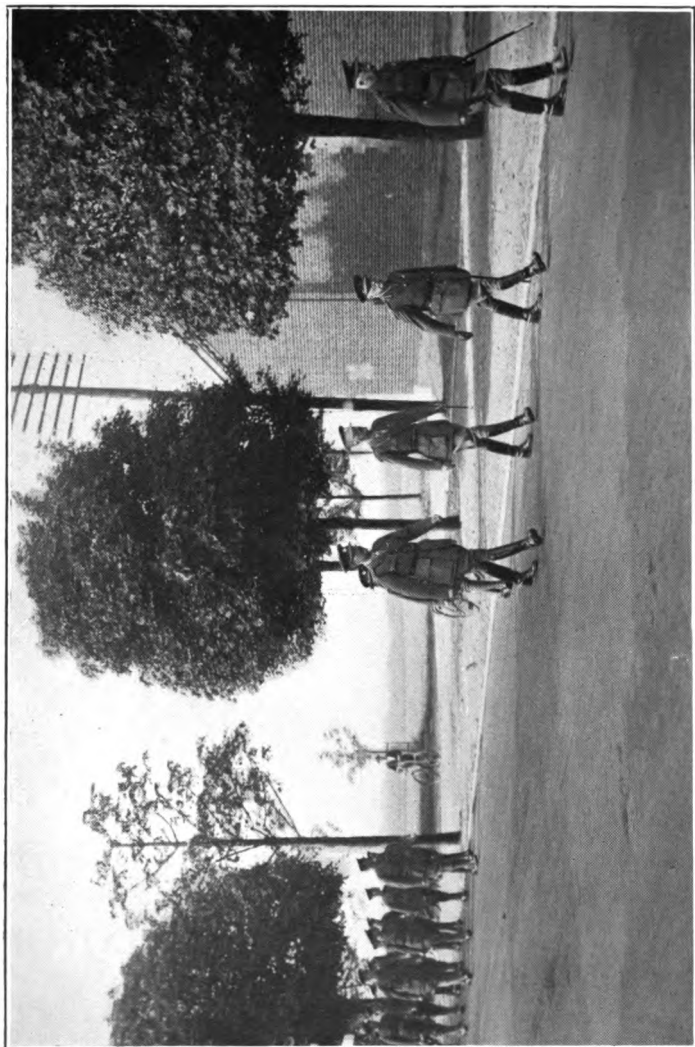
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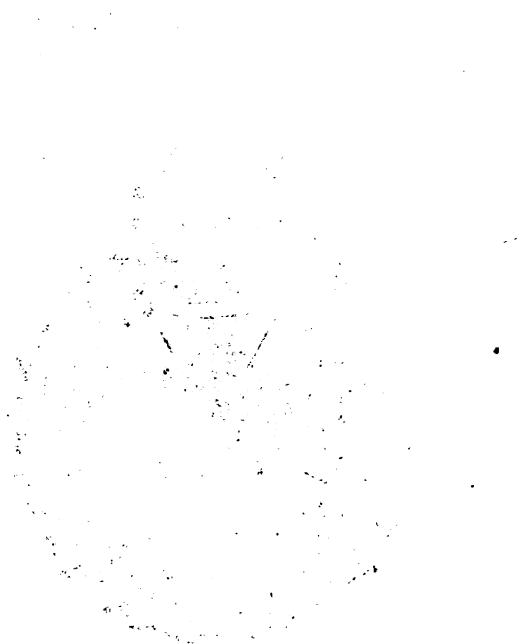


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JANUARY, 1924.

- 1 Tu—**
- 2 W** —1864.—3rd Bn. engaged at SHUBKUDDER (Mohmand Expedition).
- 3 Th**—1809.—1st Bn. engaged at CACABELOS (Retreat to CORUNNA). Rifleman Tom Plunket shot General Colbert.
- 4 F** —1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. arrived at FUTTEGURH (Indian Mutiny), having marched 76 miles in 27 hours' actual marching in 4 days.
- 5 S** —1809.—1st Bn. covered retirement at SANTA MARIA DE CONSTANTINO (Retreat to CORUNNA).
- 6 S** —1900.—2nd Bn. engaged in repulse of Boer attack on LADYSMITH; casualties : 8 officers and 55 other ranks.
- 7 M** —1852.—1st Bn. left Plymouth for 2nd Kaffir War. 1858.—3rd Bn. engaged near ALLAHABAD (Indian Mutiny).
- 8 Tu**—1812.—1st Bn. engaged at storming of FORT SAN FRANCISCO (**Ciudad Rodrigo**). 1815.—3rd Bn. engaged in attack on lines of NEW ORLEANS (Expedition to New Orleans); casualties : 7 officers and 105 other ranks.
- 9 W —**
- 10 Th**—1809.—1st Bn. engaged in rearguard action at BETANZOS (Retreat to CORUNNA).
- 11 F** —1819.—213 Riflemen on disbandment of 3rd Bn. transferred to 2nd Bn. 1847.—1st Bn. engaged near KEI RIVER (1st Kaffir War).
- 12 S —**
- 13 S** —1814.—Detachments of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged outside ANTWERP (Expedition to Bergen-op-Zoom).
- 14 M —**
- 15 Tu**—1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged on the RAMGUNGA RIVER (Indian Mutiny).
- 16 W** —1809.—Battle of **Corunna**. 1st Bn. engaged ; casualties during retreat : 3 officers and 170 other ranks.

JANUARY.

- 17 Th**—1800.—Orders issued for formation of "EXPERIMENTAL CORPS OF RIFLEMEN" at Horsham Barracks. 1885.—Rifle Company (2nd and 3rd Bns.) Camel Corps at Battle of ABU KLEA (Sudan Campaign).
- 18 F** —1803.—**The Rifle Corps** ordered to be named "The **95th or Rifle Regiment.**"
- 19 S** —1812.—1st and 2nd Bns. engaged at Storming of **Ciudad Rodrigo**; casualties: 6 officers and 55 other ranks. 1885.—Rifle Company Camel Corps at action of EL GUBAT (Sudan Campaign).
- 20 S** —3 Cos. 2nd Bn. engaged in repulse of sortie from MONTE VIDEO (Expedition to South America).
- 21 M** —1809.—2nd Bn. embarked at Vigo at end of Corunna Campaign.
- 22 Tu**—1862.—Title of "THE PRINCE CONSORT'S OWN" bestowed on the Regiment by QUEEN VICTORIA.
- 23 W** —
- 24 Th**—1812.—Major-General Robert Craufurd died of wounds received on 19th at Ciudad Rodrigo. (The Regiment had been in his command at Buenos Ayres and in the campaign in Portugal and Spain 1808-12.)
- 25 F** —1879.—4th Bn. reached Chunar (Bazar Valley Expedition).
- 26 S** —
- 27 S** —1889.—4th Bn. detachment of 200 men started on Popa Expedition (Burma).
- 28 M** —1879.—4th Bn. reconnaissance on Tirah (Bazar Valley Expedition).
- 29 Tu**—
- 30 W**—1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged on RAMGUNGA RIVER (Indian Mutiny).
- 31 Th**—1874.—2nd Bn. engaged at AMOAFUL (Ashantee); casualties: 3 officers and 6 other ranks.

FEBRUARY.

- 1 F** —1814.—Detachments 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at **DONK**, Holland (Expedition to Bergen-op-Zoom).
- 2 S** —1814.—Detachments 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at assault and capture of **MERXEM** (Expedition to Bergen-op-Zoom).
- 3 S** —1807.—2nd Bn. engaged at Storming of **Monte Video** ; casualties : 3 officers and 29 other ranks. 1918.—10th Bn. disbanded ; casualties in dead since raised : 30 officers and 499 other ranks.
- 4 M** —
- 5 Tu**—1874.—2nd Bn. engaged at capture of **COOMASSIE**, **Ashantee**, 1873-4. 1900.—1st Bn. engaged at Action of **VAAL KRANTZ** (S. Africa) ; casualties : 5 officers and 78 other ranks.
- 6 W** —
- 7 Th**—1814.—Detachments 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at French sortie from **ANTWERP** (Expedition to Bergen-op-Zoom).
- 8 F** —
- 9 S** —1859.—2nd Bn. engaged at **SIDHA GHAT** (Indian Mutiny).
- 10 S** —
- 11 M** —1847.—1st Bn. engaged on **FISH RIVER** (1st Kaffir War).
- 12 Tu**—
- 13 W** —
- 14 Th**—1916.—3rd Bn. engaged in German attack **HOOGE** area (Action of the **BLUFF**) ; casualties : 2 officers and 158 other ranks.
- 15 F** —1820.—General Sir David Dundas, Colonel-in-Chief, died.
- 16 S** —1816.—“ The **95th or Rifle Regiment** ” taken out of the Line and styled the “ **Rifle Brigade**.”

FEBRUARY.

17 S —1814.—All 3 Bns. crossed the Nive ; commencement of campaign of the Pyrenees.

18 M —1900.—1st Bn. engaged at Action of MONTE CRISTO (S. Africa) ; casualties : 2 officers and 27 other ranks.

19 Tu—1820.—F.M. The Duke of Wellington appointed Colonel-in-Chief, vice Sir David Dundas.

20 W —

21 Th—

22 F —1810.—LIGHT DIVISION formed under Craufurd.

23 S —1900.—1st Bn. and Rifle Battalion (Reservists 2nd Bn.) engaged on TUGELA RIVER (S. Africa).

24 S —1900.—Action on TUGELA RIVER continued ; casualties : 4 officers and 48 other ranks.

25 M —

26 Tu—1814.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at the Passage of the GAVE DU PAU (Pyrenees), Peninsula War.

27 W—1814.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at Battle of **Orthes**. 1900.—1st Bn. engaged at Action of **PIETERS HILL** ; casualties : 2 officers and 66 other ranks.

28 Th—1900.—**Relief of Ladysmith**. 1st Bn.'s casualties during relief operations : 15 officers and 178 other ranks. 2nd Bn.'s casualties during **Defence of Ladysmith** (from 1 Nov. 1899) : 13 officers and 152 other ranks.

29 F —

MARCH.

- 1 S —**
- 2 S —**1896.—Rifle Company Mounted Infantry (Detachments 2nd and 4th Bns.) embarked for Matabele War.
- 3 M —**
- 4 Tu—**
- 5 W —**1811.—Battle of **Barrosa**. 2 Cos. 2nd Bn. and 4 Cos. 3rd Bn. engaged; casualties: 6 officers and 95 other ranks.
- 6 Th—**1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at **LUCKNOW** (Indian Mutiny).
- 7 F —**1811.—Pursuit of Massena. Riflemen mounted behind 1st Royal Dragoons (Peninsula War).
- 8 S —**1916.—16th Bn. disembarked at Havre. 1917.—2nd Bn. **V.C.** awarded to Lieut. G. Cates for gallantry in trenches on this date.
- 9 S —**1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at **LUCKNOW** (Indian Mutiny).
- 10 M—**1915.—2nd Bn. engaged in Battle of **NEUVE CHAPELLE** (lasted till 13th); casualties: 12 officers and 367 other ranks.
- 11 Tu—**1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at **Lucknow** (Indian Mutiny).
- 12 W —**1811.—1st Bn. engaged in combat of the **REDINHA** (Peninsula War); casualties: 2 officers and 13 other ranks. 1915.—2nd Bn. **V.C.'s** awarded to C.S.M. H. Daniels and Cpl. Noble, for gallantry in the Battle of **NEUVE CHAPELLE**.
- 13 Th—**
- 14 F —**
- 15 S —**1915.—4th Bn. engaged in Action of St. **ELOI** (Ypres Area); casualties: 10 officers and 93 other ranks.
- 16 S —**1859.—2nd Bn. engaged near **SUPREE** (Indian Mutiny).
- 17 M —**1812.—1st Bn. at commencement of Second Siege of Badajoz.
- 18 Tu—**1811.—1st Bn. engaged at **PONTE DA MURCELLA** (Peninsula War).
- 19 W —**1810.—1st Bn. engaged at **BARBA DEL PUERCO** (Peninsula War); casualties: 1 officer and 22 other ranks.

MARCH.

20 Th—1814.—Action of **TARBES** fought and won by the 3 Bns. of the 95th or Rifle Regiment unaided by other British troops; casualties: 12 officers and 81 other ranks.

21 F—1918.—**THE FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME** began (lasted till 5 April). 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 16th Bns. heavily engaged; casualties: 3rd Bn., 21 March to 5 April, 23 officers and 410 other ranks.

22 S —

23 S —1855.—1st and 2nd Bns. engaged in repulse of Sortie from **SEVASTOPOL.** 1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at **KOORSEE** near Lucknow (Indian Mutiny). 1918.—First Battles of the Somme. 2nd Bn. heavily engaged near **PARGNY** on River **SOMME**; casualties: 5 officers and about 60 other ranks. 3rd Bn. engaged in rearguard action at **FALVY BRIDGE** on River **SOMME**.

24 M —1881.—4th Bn. started on Wazir Expedition from **Rawal Pindi**. 1918.—First Battles of the Somme. 2nd Bn. heavily engaged near **MORCHAIN** (River **SOMME**); casualties: 11 officers and about 300 other ranks.

25 Tu—

26 W —1812.—1st and 3rd Bns. at Storming of **FORT PICURINA, BADAJOZ**. 3rd Bn. was the first unit in.

27 Th—

28 F—1918.—First Battles of the Somme. 1st Bn. heavily engaged in front of **FAMPOUX** (First Battle of **ARRAS**, 1918); casualties: 5 officers and 150 other ranks. 3rd Bn. engaged at **VRELY**.

29 S —1918.—First Battles of the Somme. 12th Bn. captured village of **MEZIERES** (S.E. of **Amiens**) in a counter-attack; casualties: (29th–31st) 19 officers and 430 other ranks.

30 S —1917.—2nd, 10th and 11th Bns. engaged, during German withdrawal, in front of **DESSART WOOD** (N.E. of **Peronne**). These 3 Bns. attacked in line, 2nd Bn. on the right, 10th Bn. in centre, 11th Bn. on left.

31 M —

APRIL.

- 1 Tu**—1800.—First parade of "The Experimental Corps of Riflemen" at Horsham. 1855.—3rd Bn. raised for the 2nd time, at Haslar.
- 2 W**—1801.—Battle of **Copenhagen**. Riflemen engaged in H.M.S. "St. George" (Lord Nelson's flagship); casualties: 1 officer and 8 other ranks.
- 3 Th**—1811.—1st Bn. and 1 Co. 2nd Bn. engaged in action near **SABUGAL** (Peninsula War).
- 4 F** —1917.—2nd Bn. engaged in attack near **GOUZEAUCOURT** (N.E. of **PERONNE**); casualties: 2 officers and 33 other ranks (German withdrawal 1917). 11th Bn. engaged near **HAVRINCOURT** in capture of position afterwards known as "Greenjacket Ridge"; casualties: 6 officers and 115 other ranks (German withdrawal, 1917).
- 5 S** —1858.—Camel Corps formed during Indian Mutiny by detachments from 2nd and 3rd Bns. and 200 Sikhs.
- 6 S** —1812.—Storming of **Badajoz**. 8 Cos. of 1st Bn., 2 Cos. of 2nd Bn. and 5 Cos. of 3rd Bn. engaged; casualties: 23 officers and 263 other ranks. 1815.—Honour **Peninsula** awarded Regiment.
- 7 M** —
- 8 Tu**—
- 9 W** —1917.—The **BATTLES OF ARRAS** began (lasted till 15 May). 1st Bn. heavily engaged and captured the **HYDERABAD REDOUBT**, 6,000 yards beyond German front line and the farthest point of the British advance; casualties: 9 officers and 229 other ranks (1st Battle of the **SCARPE**, 1917). 7th, 8th and 9th Bns. engaged in attack on line of **River SCARPE-MERCATEL** (1st Battle of the **SCARPE**). 1918.—The **BATTLES OF THE LYS** began (lasted till 29th).
- 10 Th**—1814.—Battle of **Toulouse**. All 3 Bns. engaged; casualties: 1 officer and 40 other ranks.
- 11 F** —1917.—The **Battles of ARRAS**, 1917. 7th, 8th and 9th Bns. engaged in attack on **FEUCHY Line** (1st Battle of the **SCARPE**). 1918.—The **Battles of the LYS**. 16th Bn. engaged in attack on **WYTSCHAETE RIDGE** (Battle of **MESSINES**, 1918).
- 12 S** —
- 13 S** —1858.—2nd Bn. engaged at **BAREE** (Indian Mutiny).

APRIL.

- 14 M** —1917.—The Battles of ARRAS. 3rd Bn. engaged at capture of LIEVEN (Lens Area. Battle of VIMY RIDGE). 1918.—The Battles of the LYS. 1st Bn. engaged along LA BASSEE Canal near ROBEQC (Defence of HINGES RIDGE).
- 15 Tu** —1917.—Co. of 3rd Bn. entered outskirts of LENS ; casualties : 2 officers, 40 other ranks.
- 16 W** —
- 17 Th** —1863.—Field-Marshal Lord Seaton, Colonel-in-Chief, died.
- 18 F** —1863.—General Sir G. Brown appointed Colonel-in-Chief, vice Lord Seaton. 1918.—The Battles of the LYS. 1st Bn. engaged near HINGES (Battle of BETHUNE).
- 19 S** —
- 20 S** —1855.—Rifle pits at SEVASTOPOL manned and held by volunteers from 1st Bn.
- 21 M** —1917.—2nd Bn. engaged in capture of GONNELIEU (Cambrai-Peronne area. German withdrawal) ; casualties : 5 officers and 60 other ranks.
- 22 Tu** —1855.—Russians driven from the Rifle pits, SEVASTOPOL. **V.C.**'s awarded to Riflemen Bradshaw, Humpston and MacGregor for gallantry on this occasion. 1915.—The BATTLES OF YPRES began (lasted till 25 May). 1st and 4th Bns. engaged. 1918.—The Battles of the LYS. 1st Bn. engaged near HINGES in successful attack, securing the LA BASSEE Canal ; casualties : 7 officers and 121 other ranks. **V.C.** awarded to Sergt. Woodall for gallantry on this occasion.
- 23 W** —1811.—1st Bn. engaged at defence of Bridge of MARIALVA (Peninsula War) and again on the 27th. 1917.—The Battles of ARRAS. 13th Bn. engaged at 2nd Battle of the SCARPE.
- 24 Th** —
- 25 F** —1859.—2nd Bn. engaged in GOGRA JUNGLE (Indian Mutiny).
- 26 S** —
- 27 S** —1811.—1st Bn. engaged in 2nd attack on Bridge of Marialva (Peninsula War).
- 28 M** —
- 29 Tu** —1852.—1st Bn. engaged in attack on MUNDEL'S KRANTZ (2nd Kaffir War).
- 30 W** —

MAY.

- 1 Th**—1871.—Lieut. H.R.H. Prince Arthur promoted Captain in 1st Bn. 1918.—16th Bn. reduced to cadre strength during the month and employed in training American troops till the Armistice.
- 2 F** —
- 3 S** —1915.—The BATTLES OF YPRES. 1st Bn. heavily engaged in German attack YPRES Area. "A" Co. successfully resisted attack from 4 a.m. till dusk with only 1 officer and 3 other ranks able to fire from noon onwards (Battle of ST. JULIEN). 1917.—The Battles of ARRAS, 1917. 1st Bn. engaged in attack on CHEMICAL WORKS, ROEUX (3rd Battle of the SCARPE, lasted till 12th).
- 4 S** —1809.—3rd Bn. raised for 1st time by transfer of over 1,000 Riflemen from 1st and 2nd Battalions.
- 5 M** —1811.—Battle of **Fuentes d'Onor**. 1st Bn. and 1 Co. of 2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged; casualties: 1 officer and 16 other ranks. 1919.—13th Bn. disbanded; casualties in dead since raised: 24 officers and 731 other ranks.
- 6 Tu**—1805.—2nd Bn. formed at Canterbury by draft of 21 Sergeants, 20 Corporals, 7 Buglers and 250 Riflemen from 1st Bn.
- 7 W** —1843.—The Reserve Battalion of 6 Cos. formed at Dover.
- 8 Th**—1918.—**V.C.'s** awarded to Sergeant W. Gregg and Rifleman W. Beesley, 13th Bn., for gallantry on patrol near BUCQUOY (Bapaume-Arras area).
- 9 F** —1915.—BATTLE OF AUBERS RIDGE. 2nd Bn. heavily engaged in attack on FROMELLES; casualties: All Company officers except 2, and 628 other ranks.
- 10 S** —
- 11 S** —1917.—The Battles of ARRAS. 1st Bn. engaged at capture of CHEMICAL WORKS and Station Buildings at ROEUX (3rd Battle of the SCARPE); casualties: since 3rd, 8 officers and 195 other ranks.

MAY.

12 M—1811.—Portions of all 3 Bns. engaged near ESPEGA (Peninsula War).

13 Tu—1858.—2nd Bn. engaged at NUGGUR (Indian Mutiny).

14 W —

15 Th—

16 F —

17 S —1852.—1st Bn. engaged near the WATERKLOOF (2nd Kaffir War).

18 S —

19 M —

20 Tu—1915.—7th and 8th Bns. disembarked at Boulogne.

21 W—1915.—9th Bn. disembarked at Boulogne.

22 Th—

23 F —

24 S —

25 S —

26 M —

27 Tu—1812.—All 3 Bns. of Regiment reviewed by Lord Wellington near El Boden. "You look well and in good fighting order."

28 W—1852.—1st Bn. engaged at INGILBY'S FARM (2nd Kaffir War).

29 Th—1880.—H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn appointed Colonel-in-Chief. 1919.—12th Bn. disbanded: casualties in dead since raised: 27 officers and 745 other ranks.

30 F —1919.—11th Bn. disbanded; casualties in dead since raised: 18 officers and 604 other ranks.

31 S —

JUNE.

1 S —1881.—Honours **Afghanistan** and **Ali Musjid** conferred on Regiment for Afghan War of 1878–9.

2 M —1902.—End of S. African War.

3 Tu—

4 W —1856.—1st Bn. left for England at end of Crimean War ; casualties sustained in other ranks : 113 killed, 342 wounded and sick, 353 invalided.

5 Th—

6 F —1854.—Title of “ 2nd Lieutenant ” used since the Regiment was first raised changed to that of Ensign.

7 S —1917.—3rd Bn. engaged at **BATTLE OF MESSINES** (lasted till 14th) ; casualties : 2 officers and 45 other ranks.

8 S —1919.—16th Bn. disbanded ; casualties in dead since raised : 20 officers and 635 other ranks.

9 M —

10 Tu—

11 W —

12 Th—1813.—1st and 3rd Bns. engaged near the **HORMUZA** (Peninsula War).

13 F —1858.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at **NAWABGUNGE** (Indian Mutiny) ; casualties : 1 officer and 15 other ranks.

14 S —

15 S —

16 M —1815.—1st Bn. engaged at **BATTLE OF QUATRE BRAS** ; casualties : 5 officers and 59 other ranks.

17 Tu—

JUNE.

18 W—1815.—Battle of **Waterloo**. All 3 Bns. engaged; casualties: 1st Bn. (6 Cos.), 15 officers and 144 other ranks; 2nd Bn. (6 Cos.), 14 officers and 113 other ranks; 3rd Bn. (2 Cos.), 5 officers and 39 other ranks. 1855.—1st and 2nd Bns. engaged in the first attack on **THE REDAN** (**SEVASTOPOL**); casualties: 5 officers and 122 other ranks. 1919.—7th Bn. disbanded; casualties in dead since raised: 21 officers and 505 other ranks.

19 Th—

20 F —

21 S —1813.—Battle of **Vittoria**. All 3 Bns. engaged. The Riflemen captured the first gun and 3 days later the last gun of the French Army.

22 S —

23 M —1813.—Pursuit of French after Battle of Vittoria. All 3 Bns. engaged at **ECHARRI-ARANEZ**. Riflemen were mounted behind Royal Dragoons.

24 Tu—1813.—All 3 Bns. engaged near **LA CUENCA** (Peninsula War).

25 W —

26 Th—1857.—Queen Victoria presented the **U.C.** to Bt.-Major The Hon. H. Clifford, Bt.-Major C. T. Bouchier, Captain W. J. Cunninghame, Lieut. John Knox, Riflemen Wheatley, Bradshaw, MacGregor and Humpston, "For Valour" during the Crimean War.

27 F —1859.—2nd Bn. arrived at Lucknow, having been 20 months in the field and marched over 1,745 miles (Indian Mutiny). 1917.—1st Bn. inspected on service in France by H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief.

28 S —1837.—2nd Bn. at Coronation of Queen Victoria.

29 S —1897.—3rd Bn. started on Tochi Valley Expedition.

30 M —

JULY.

- 1 Tu**—1916.—THE BATTLES OF THE SOMME began (lasted to 18 Nov.). 1st Bn. heavily engaged; casualties: 1st Bn., 23 officers and over 400 other ranks; 2nd Bn., 5 officers and 128 other ranks.
- 2 W**—1807.—5 Cos. 1st Bn. and 3 Cos. 2nd Bn. engaged at PASSO CHICO and drove Spaniards into Buenos Ayres (Expedition to South America); casualties: 1 officer and 25 other ranks.
- 3 Th**—1809.—“The Light Brigade” formed under Major-General R. Craufurd consisting of 1st Bn., the 43rd and 52nd Regiments at Valada (Peninsula War).
- 4 F**—1916.—16th Bn. engaged in attack on German position near FESTUBERT; casualties: 10 officers and 107 other ranks.
- 5 S**—1807.—1st and 2nd Bns. engaged in attack on BUENOS AYRES; casualties: 11 officers and 238 other ranks. 1915.—1st Bn. engaged in attack on German position near BOESINGHE; casualties: 9 officers and 246 other ranks.
- 6 S**—1916.—V.C. awarded to Bt.-Major W. La T. Congreve, D.S.O., M.C., for gallantry, 6–20 July.
- 7 M**—1815.—British Army entered Paris after Waterloo. 2nd Bn. was the first unit to enter the City.
- 8 Tu**—
- 9 W**—1915.—16th Bn. ordered to be formed.
- 10 Th**—1916.—Battles of the SOMME. 13th Bn. engaged in attack near POZIERES (BATTLE OF ALBERT); casualties: 20 officers and 380 other ranks.
- 11 F**—1856.—2nd Bn. landed in England on return from Crimean War; casualties sustained in other ranks, 132 killed, 353 died of disease and 574 wounded.
- 12 S**—
- 13 S**—
- 14 M**—
- 15 Tu**—1813.—1st Bn. engaged at SANTA BARBARA (Peninsula War).
- 16 W**—

JULY.

- 17 Th**—1814.—5 Cos. 3rd Bn. landed in England at end of Peninsula War.
- 18 F** —
- 19 S** —1812.—All 3 Bns. engaged on the GUARENA River (Peninsula War).
- 20 S** —
- 21 M** —
- 22 Tu**—1812.—Battle of **Salamanca**. All 3 Bns. slightly engaged. 1915.—10th and 11th Bns. disembarked at Boulogne. 12th Bn. disembarked at Havre.
- 23 W** —1812.—All 3 Bns. engaged on the TORMES River (Peninsula War).
- 24 Th**—1810.—1st Bn. engaged at the combat of THE COA ; casualties : 12 officers and 66 other ranks (Peninsula War).
- 25 F** —
- 26 S** —
- 27 S** —1809.—The Light Brigade, under Craufurd, reached Navalmoral, 50 miles from Talavera, at sunset.
- 28 M** —1809.—BATTLE OF TALAVERA. The Light Brigade started at dawn on its famous forced march to Talavera.
- 29 Tu**—1809.—The Light Brigade reached Talavera, having marched 62 miles in 26 hours. 1920.—1st Bn. at Baghdad (Arab Rebellion)
- 30 W** —1809.—2nd Bn. left England for the Walcheren Expedition, being brigaded with the 43rd and 52nd Regiments. 1915.—7th, 8th and 9th Bns. heavily engaged near HOOGE in German attack with liquid fire. **V.C.** awarded posthumously to Lieut. S. C. Woodruffe for gallantry on this occasion. 13th Bn. disembarked at Havre.
- 31 Th**—1917.—THE BATTLES OF YPRES began (lasted till 10 Nov.). 2nd, 3rd and 16th Bns. engaged in BATTLE OF PILKEM RIDGE. 2nd Bn. in attack on WESTHOEK RIDGE ; casualties : 16 officers and 300 other ranks. 3rd Bn. in attack on PASSCHENDAELE ; casualties : 7 officers and 227 other ranks. 16th Bn. in attack on the STEENBECK.

AUGUST.

- 1 F** —1813.—1st and 3rd Bns. engaged at Bridge of JANCÍ (Peninsula War).
- 2 S** —1868.—Field-Marshal Sir E. Blakeney, Colonel-in-Chief, died.
- 3 S** —1868.—Field-Marshal H.R.H. The Prince of Wales (afterwards King Edward VII) appointed Colonel-in-Chief, vice Sir E. Blakeney. H.R.H. Prince Arthur gazetted Lieut. in the Regiment. 1896.—Rifle Company (2nd and 4th Bns.) of Mounted Infantry engaged at storming of MAKONI'S KRAAL (S. Africa). 1918.—8th Bn. disbanded; casualties in dead since raised: 47 officers and 624 other ranks. 9th Bn. disbanded; casualties in dead since raised: 36 officers and 735 other ranks.
- 4 M** —1914.—Outbreak of War with Germany.
- 5 Tu**—
- 6 W**—
- 7 Th**—1857.—2nd Bn. left Ireland for service in Indian Mutiny.
- 8 F** —1916.—1st Bn. engaged in German gas attack near YPRES; casualties: 9 officers and over 200 other ranks.
- 9 S** —1918.—1st Bn. engaged in German withdrawal on HINGES front (lasted till 21st); casualties: 7 officers and 94 other ranks.
- 10 S**—
- 11 M** —1809.—2nd Bn. engaged at surrender of FLUSHING; casualties: 2 officers and 32 other ranks.
- 12 Tu**—1922.—4th Bn. disbanded on general reduction of the Army.
- 13 W** —1812.—All 3 Bns. entered Madrid.
- 14 Th**—1917.—The Battles of YPRES. 10th and 11th Bns. engaged in attack on the STEENBECK.
- 15 F** —1808.—First affair of Peninsula War. 2nd Bn. attacked French piquets of OBIDOS; casualties: 3 officers and 7 other ranks. 1809.—Capitulation of WALCHEREN.
- 16 S** —1917.—The Battles of YPRES. 2nd Bn. engaged in attack on ZONNEBEKE RIDGE (BATTLE OF LANGEMARCK, 1917); casualties: 5 officers and 140 other ranks. 11th Bn. engaged on the STEENBECK.
- 17 S**—1808.—2nd Bn. engaged at Battle of **Roleia**; casualties: 3 officers and 47 other ranks.
- 18 M** —1916.—The Battles of the SOMME. 3rd and 7th Bns. engaged in BATTLE OF DELVILLE WOOD. 3rd Bn.'s casualties (18th–21st): 15 officers and 266 other ranks. 7th Bn.'s casualties: 6 officers and 264 other ranks.

AUGUST.

19 Tu—

20 W —

21 Th—1808.—2 Cos. 1st and 4 Cos. 2nd Bn. engaged at Battle of **Vimiera**.

22 F —1914.—1st Bn. arrived in France. 7th and 8th Bns. ordered to be formed.

23 S —1917.—The Battles of **YPRES**. 7th, 8th and 9th Bns. engaged at **INVERNESS COPSE** (**PASSCHENDAELE** Area). 1918.—2nd BATTLES OF THE **SOMME**. 13th Bn. engaged at capture of **ACHIET LE GRAND** and **BIHUCOURT** with 500 prisoners, 140 machine guns and 2 heavy guns (**BATTLE OF ALBERT**).

24 S —1884.—Rifle Company of Camel Corps formed for Nile Expedition by detachments from 2nd and 3rd Bns. 1916.—The Battles of the **SOMME**. 9th Bn. engaged in final clearing of **DELVILLE WOOD**. 13th Bn. engaged near **GUILLEMONT**.

25 M —Regimental Birthday.—1800.—“The Rifle Corps” formally embodied under Colonel Coote Manningham. “Experimental Corps of Riflemen” landed at **FERROL**. 1813.—First Regimental Dinner at **Santa Barbara, Spain**. 1923.—2nd Bn. left **CHANAK** for England.

26 Tu—1809.—Maj.-General Sir Coote Manningham, first Colonel-in-Chief, died from effects of **Corunna Campaign**. 1914.—1st Bn. engaged at **BATTLE OF LE CATEAU**; casualties: 8 officers and 366 other ranks.

27 W —1865.—General Sir George Brown, Colonel-in-Chief, died. 1900.—2nd Bn. engaged in attack on **BERGENDAL** (**S. Africa**); casualties: 7 officers and 74 other ranks. **V.C.** awarded to Rifleman **E. Durrant** for gallantry on this occasion.

28 Th—1865.—Field-Marshal Sir Edward Blakeney appointed Colonel-in-Chief, vice Sir G. Brown.

29 F —1848.—1st Bn. engaged at action of **BOEM PLATZ** (**S. Africa**); casualties: 3 officers and 14 other ranks. 1918.—The 2nd BATTLES OF **ARRAS**. 1st Bn. engaged at capture of **BOIS SOUFFLARD** and village of **ETERPIGNY** on **RIVER SENSÉE** (**BATTLE OF THE SCARPE**); casualties: 29th and 30th, 8 officers and over 200 other ranks.

30 S —1914.—9th Bn. ordered to be formed.

31 S —1809.—General Sir D. Dundas, Commander-in-Chief, appointed Colonel-in-Chief. 1813.—**STORMING OF SAN SEBASTIAN**. 50 volunteers from all 3 Bns. engaged; casualties: 2 officers and 24 other ranks. 2nd Bn. engaged at **DEFENCE OF THE BRIDGE OF VERA**; casualties: 5 officers and 71 other ranks.

SEPTEMBER.

- 1 M**—1882.—Honour **South Africa, 1851-2-3** conferred on Regiment. 1910.—Honour **Pyrenees** conferred on the Regiment for service in 1814. 1916.—The Battles of the SOMME. 3rd Bn. engaged in Battle of DELVILLE WOOD; casualties: 5 officers and 206 other ranks.
- 2 Tu**—1898.—2nd Bn. engaged at Battle of **Khartoum**. 1918.—The 2nd Battles of ARRAS. 1st Bn. engaged in the Battle of THE DROCOURT-QUEANT LINE; casualties: 7 officers and over 200 other ranks.
- 3 W**—1916.—The Battles of the SOMME. 10th and 11th Bns. engaged in BATTLE OF GUILLEMONT. 16th Bn. engaged in attack N. of River ANCRE; casualties: 16 officers and 446 other ranks (BATTLE OF POZIERES RIDGE).
- 4 Th**—
- 5 F**—
- 6 S**—1914.—1st Bn. took part in commencement of advance to the AISNE.
- 7 S**—1854.—1st Bn. landed at VARNA.
- 8 M**—1855.—Final attack on **Sevastopol**. 2nd Bn. engaged in attack on THE REDAN; casualties: 10 officers and 160 other ranks. 1923.—2nd Bn. arrived at SOUTHAMPTON from CHANAK.
- 9 Tu**—
- 10 W**—
- 11 Th**—1918.—3rd Bn. engaged in attack on St. AUBERT (CAMBRAI-VALENCIENNES Area); casualties: 9 officers and 179 other ranks.
- 12 F**—1914.—3rd Bn. disembarked at St. Nazaire. 1918.—THE BATTLES OF THE HINDENBURG LINE. 13th Bn. engaged in attack on TRESCAULT SPUR (BATTLE OF HAVRINCOURT); casualties (11th-14th): 4 officers and 136 other ranks.
- 13 S**—1914.—BATTLE OF THE AISNE. 1st Bn., the first British Infantry unit to cross the River AISNE.
- 14 S**—1809.—2nd Bn. returned from Walcheren Expedition, having lost over 300 men from fever in 6 weeks and lost 133 more from effects of the expedition after disembarkation.

SEPTEMBER.

- 15 M** —1916.—The Battles of the SOMME. 7th, 8th and 9th Bns. engaged at BATTLE OF FLERS-COURCELETTE (lasted till 22nd). Three Bns. of the Regiment attacked one behind the other for the first time since the action of TARBES in 1814.
- 16 Tu** —1810.—Retreat on TORRES VEDRAS commenced; Light Division left as Rearguard at CELORICO.
- 17 W** —1857.—First man attested for the 4th Bn.
- 18 Th** —1814.—3rd Bn., 5 Cos., embarked at Plymouth for New Orleans Expedition.
- 19 F** —
- 20 S** —1854.—1st and 2nd Bns. engaged at Battle of the **Alma**. 2nd Bn. covered the advance; casualties: 1 officer and 49 other ranks. 1914.—10th and 11th Bns. ordered to be formed. 1917.—The Battles of YPRES. 16th Bn. engaged in attack near BULGAR WOOD (BATTLE OF THE MENIN ROAD RIDGE). **V.C.** awarded to Sergeant Burman for gallantry on this occasion.
- 21 S** —1914.—12th Bn. ordered to be formed.
- 22 M** —1852.—Field-Marshal The Duke of Wellington, Colonel-in-Chief, died.
- 23 Tu** —1852.—Field-Marshal H.R.H. The Prince Consort appointed Colonel-in-Chief, vice The Duke of Wellington.
- 24 W** —1854.—2nd Bn. covered the advance to the Belbeck.
- 25 Th** —1855.—1st and 2nd Bns. engaged at MACKENZIE'S FARM (Crimea). 1915.—2nd, 9th and 12th Bns. engaged in subsidiary actions connected with the BATTLE OF LOOS; casualties: 2nd Bn., 9 officers and 242 other ranks (Action of BOIS GRENIER); 9th Bn., 6 officers and about 250 other ranks (2nd attack on BELLEWAERDE); 12th Bn., 7 officers and 322 other ranks (Action of PIETRE).
- 26 F** —
- 27 S** —1810.—1st Bn. engaged at Battle of **Busaco**. 1922.—2nd Bn. embarked at Southampton for Constantinople (Chanak).
- 28 S** —
- 29 M** —
- 30 Tu** —1876.—Major H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn promoted Lieut.-Colonel to command 1st Bn. to date 27 September.

OCTOBER.

1 W —

2 Th—1899.—2nd Bn. left Crete for South African War.

3 F —1810.—Retreat on TORRES VEDRAS. Light Division formed Rear-guard at POMBAC.

4 S —1917.—The Battles of YPRES. 1st Bn. engaged in attack near POELCAPPELLE (BATTLE OF BROODSEINDE); casualties: 6 officers and 107 other ranks.

5 S —

6 M —

7 Tu—1813.—All 3 Bns. engaged at the forcing of the Pass of VERA; casualties: 9 officers and 192 other ranks (Peninsula War). 1916.—The Battles of the SOMME. 12th Bn. engaged in attack near MONTAUBON; casualties: 8 officers and 226 other ranks.

8 W —

9 Th—

10 F —1810.—1st Bn. engaged at ALEMQUER (Peninsula War).

11 S —

12 S —1854.—V.C. awarded to Rifleman WHEATLEY for gallantry in trenches before SEVASTOPOL. 1917.—The Battles of YPRES. 1st Bn. engaged in fighting round POELCAPPELLE (FIRST BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE); casualties: 3 officers and 156 other ranks.

13 M —1914.—BATTLE OF ARMENTIERES. 3rd Bn. engaged in attack on BAILLEUL RIDGE. 1919.—1st Bn. arrived at Basrah, Mesopotamia.

14 Tu—1810.—1st Bn. engaged at SOBRAL (Lines of TORRES VEDRAS).

15 W —

16 Th—1922.—2nd Bn. arrived at CHANAK.

OCTOBER.

17 F —

18 S —1914.—Battle of ARMENTIERES. 3rd Bn. engaged in attack on PERENCHIES. 1916.—The Battles of the SOMME. 1st Bn. engaged in attack on LE TRANSLOY in conjunction with French (BATTLE OF LE TRANSLOY RIDGES); casualties: 8 officers and 250 other ranks.

19 S —1847.—Surrender of Chief Sandilli to 1st Bn. End of 1st Kaffir War.

20 M —

21 Tu—

22 W —

23 Th—1916.—The Battles of the SOMME. 1st and 2nd Bns. engaged in attack near LE TRANSLOY; casualties: 1st Bn., 5 officers and 117 other ranks; 2nd Bn., 8 officers and 300 other ranks. 1918.—BATTLE OF THE SELLE. 13th Bn. engaged in attack near BRIASTRE (CAMBRAI-SOLESMES Area).

24 F —1918.—Battle of the SELLE. 1st Bn. engaged at crossing of River ECAILLON, near HASPRES (VALENCIENNES Area); casualties (since 20th): 6 officers and 122 other ranks.

25 S —1854.—Battle of BALACLAVA. 1st Bn. slightly engaged.

26 S —1808.—5 Cos 1st Bn. and 4 Cos. 2nd Bn. disembarked at Corunna.

27 M —

28 Tu—1899.—1st Bn. left England for South African War.

29 W —1902.—1st Bn. landed in England from South African War.

30 Th—1818.—2nd Bn. left France after 3½ years with the Army of Occupation. 1899.—2nd Bn. arrived LADYSMITH and engaged at LOMBARD'S KOP.

31 F —1812.—Madrid evacuated. 1st and 2nd Bns. withdrew to SALAMANCA. 1914.—13th, 14th (R.) and 15th Bns. ordered to be formed.

NOVEMBER.

- 1 S** —1876.—Honour **Ashanti** conferred on Regiment for expedition of 1873-4. 1881.—Honours **South Africa 1846-7** conferred on Regiment. 1899—Siege of **LADYSMITH** began. 2nd Bn. formed part of garrison. 1918.—Battle of **VALENCIENNES**. 1st Bn. engaged near **PRESEAU** at crossing of River Rhonelle; casualties: 6 officers and 264 other ranks.
- 2 S** —1916.—2nd Bn. inspected on service by H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief.
- 3 M** —
- 4 Tu**—1857.—4 Cos. 2nd Bn. landed at Calcutta, being the first time the Regiment served in India.
- 5 W** —Battle of **Inkerman**. 1st and 2nd Bns. engaged; casualties: 6 officers and 88 other ranks.
- 6 Th**—
- 7 F** —1914.—2nd Bn. disembarked at Havre.
- 8 S** —
- 9 S** —1899.—2 Cos. 2nd Bn. engaged at **OBSERVATION HILL, LADYSMITH**.
- 10 M** —1813.—Battle of the **Nivelle**. All 3 Bns. engaged; casualties: 11 officers and 87 other ranks.
- 11 Tu**—1918.—Armistice. Great War.
- 12 W** —
- 13 Th**—
- 14 F** —
- 15 S** —
- 16 S** —

NOVEMBER.

17 M—1917.—2nd Bn. during 2 days in trenches near PASSCHENDAELE lost 3 officers and 142 other ranks.

18 Tu—1915.—4th Bn. left France for Salonika.

19 W—

20 Th—1854.—1st Bn. engaged at the Rifle Pits, SEVASTOPOL; casualties: 1 officer and 26 other ranks. **V.C.'s** awarded to Lieuts. Bouchier and Cunninghame and French Medal to Colour-Sergeant Hicks, for gallantry on this occasion. 1917.—BATTLE OF CAMBRAI (lasted till 3 December). 10th Bn. attacked RUE DES VIGNES; casualties during period: 15 officers and 396 other ranks. 11th Bn. captured LES RUES VERTES; casualties during period: 3 officers and 124 other ranks.

21 F—1878.—4th Bn. engaged at Capture of **Ali Musjid**. 1890.—Honour **Burma** conferred on Regiment (for service 1885-7).

22 S—

23 S—1915.—**V.C.** awarded to Corporal Drake (8th Bn.) for gallantry on patrol work on this date.

24 M—

25 Tu—1899.—1st Bn. landed at Durban (S. African War). 1915.—4th Bn. landed at Salonika from France.

26 W—1858.—2nd Bn. engaged at HYDERGURH (Indian Mutiny).

27 Th—1857.—3 Cos. 2nd Bn. and 1 Co. 3rd Bn. engaged at CAWNPORE, having marched 48½ miles from Futtelhpore in 26 hours.

28 F—1857.—6 Cos. 2nd Bn. and 1 Co. 3rd Bn. engaged in action at CAWNPORE.

29 S—

30 S—1917.—10th, 11th and 12th Bns. engaged in German Counter-attack at CAMBRAI.

DECEMBER.

1 M —

2 Tu—1917.—2nd Bn. engaged in attack N.E. of PASSCHENDAELE (YPRES Area); casualties : 10 officers and 114 other ranks.

3 W —

4 Th—1877.—4th Bn. engaged at SHERGASHA RIDGE, Jowaki Expedition (N.W. Frontier).

5 F —

6 S —1857.—2nd and 3rd Bns. engaged at final battle of CAWNPORE; casualties : 1 officer and 20 other ranks. 1904.—HONOURS. **South Africa, 1899-1902. Defence of Ladysmith and Relief of Ladysmith** awarded.

7 S —1896.—2nd Bn. detachment of 1 officer and 25 other ranks embarked for Ashantee with "Special Service Corps."

8 M —

9 Tu—1813.—All 3 Bns. engaged at the passage of the Nive.

10 W —1813.—Battle of the **Nive**. All 3 Bns. engaged; casualties : 1 officer and 84 other ranks.

11 Th—1899.—2nd Bn. engaged in night sortie from LADYSMITH. Boer gun captured and destroyed; casualties : 4 officers and 52 other ranks.

12 F —

13 S —1888.—4th Bn. detachment joined Karen Expedition (Burma).

14 S —1861.—Field-Marshal H.R.H. The Prince Consort, Colonel-in-Chief, died.

15 M —1861.—Field-Marshal Lord Seaton appointed Colonel-in-Chief, vice H.R.H. The Prince Consort. 1899.—1st Bn. engaged at BATTLE OF COLENSO. **V.C.** awarded to Captain W. N. Congreve for gallantry on this occasion.

16 Tu—1901.—4th Bn. embarked at Queenstown for South African War.

DECEMBER.

17 W —

18 Th—

19 F —1914.—1st Bn. engaged in attack on German position in PLOEG-STEERT WOOD ; casualties : 6 officers and 65 other ranks.

20 S —1808.—5 Cos. 1st Bn. and 4 Cos. 2nd Bn., which had landed at Corunna on 26 Oct., joined the 5 Cos. 1st Bn. and 4 Cos. 2nd Bn. at Sahagun.

21 S —1811.—1 Co. 2nd Bn. at Sortie from Tarifa.

22 M —1914.—4th Bn. disembarked at HAVRE.

23 Tu—

24 W —

25 Th—1808.—Retreat to CORUNNA began. 1st Bn. on rear-guard with Sir John Moore. 2nd Bn. on rear-guard with Sir R. Craufurd. 1818.—3rd Bn. disbanded.

26 F —1808.—2nd Bn. engaged at CASTRO PIPA (Peninsula War). 1858.—2nd Bn. engaged at CHURDAH (Indian Mutiny) captured 5 guns. 1900.—1st Bn. engaged near GREYLINGSTAD (S. Africa).

27 S —1858.—2nd Bn. engaged at capture of FORT MEDJIDIA (Indian Mutiny).

28 S 1808.—1st Bn. engaged at BENAVENTE (Retreat to Corunna). 1814.—3rd Bn. engaged before NEW ORLEANS (New Orleans Expedition).

29 M —1857.—2nd Bn. engaged at capture of FORT ETRWAH (Indian Mutiny).

30 Tu—

31 W —1846.—1st Bn. engaged on KEI RIVER (S. Africa). 1858.—2nd Bn. engaged on RAPTEE RIVER (Indian Mutiny). 1877.—4th Bn. engaged at forcing of BORI PASS (Jowaki Expedition, N.W. Frontier).

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1st BATTALION.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

1ST BATTALION.

PESHAWAR.

31 December 1923.

DEAR EDITOR,

At the beginning of 1923 the Battalion was still stationed at Cawnpore, though it was pretty certain that the whole of this year would not be spent in that station, as we had already been there so long.

On 1 January, after the usual Proclamation Parade, the Battalion Sports took place, the Shield being won by "I" Company, with Act.-Corporal Norman, "I" Company, best athlete.

The married families' Christmas Tree and party took place on 4 January, and was a great success. About this time the Battalion was unfortunate in losing Shortt and Doyne, who proceeded on leave for the U.K. pending transfer to other Units owing to the disbandment of the 3rd and 4th Battalions.

General Sir Havelock Hudson, K.C.B., K.C.I.E., A.D.C., inspected "A" Company at Benares on 10 January and forwarded the following report to Colonel Paley:—

"The turn-out of the men was quite excellent, perfect in every detail, they moved well and handled their arms very well indeed, and the party firing on the range appeared to be making very good shooting. It is obvious that Captain Baird is looking after the men extremely well."

Company training for the year took place at Jajmau Camp, a most excellent spot, both as a camp site and for training purposes. "I" Company carried out its training in January, and "C" Company in February.

On 2 February, the Battalion Football Team beat the 1st Cameron Highlanders, 3-0 in the Army Football Championship at Cawnpore.

G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command, General Sir Have-lock Hudson, K.C.B., K.C.I.E., A.D.C., inspected the Battalion on February 9, and the following report was received some days later. "I was much pleased to find that the improvement before noticed has been steadily maintained.

"Musketry, education and all branches of training are on sound lines and have made satisfactory progress, whilst the turn-out of all ranks, their steadiness on parade, the precision with which all ceremonial movements are carried out, and the general alertness of the Battalion, are well up to the high standard of this distinguished corps."

At the end of February, the Polo Team, consisting of Paley, Hodson, Poole and Allan, with Taylor as reserve, went to Bareilly for the Infantry Cup. They beat the 2nd Battalion Durham Light Infantry by 5 goals to 4, but were beaten by the Somerset Light Infantry in the final.

On 30 February, the Battalion beat the 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment in the semi-final, All India Football Tournament, 1-0.

A draft of 193 other ranks joined the Battalion from the United Kingdom on 15 March, and about the same time Gwynne took over the duties of musketry officer vice Turner, who was shortly going on shooting leave to Nyassaland.

The signallers and casuals of Headquarters Company completed their Annual Musketry Course at the end of March, averaging 103.

Sergeant Mills of "I" Company was Battalion Shot and best shot, Warrant Officers and Sergeants; Act.-Corporal Broome and Rifleman Chantler, Signal Platoon, "H.Q." Company, tied for the best shot, Corporals and Riflemen.

On 31 March the Best Platoon Competition terminated for the year 1922-23; the Commanding Officer awarded the Shield to No. 8 or Lieutenant V. B. Turner's Platoon, closely followed by the Signal and Machine Gun Platoons.

Kailana was again allotted as the Battalion Hill Station for 1923 with Prideaux-Brune as Commandant. The 1st Hill Party, consisting of "B" or Captain Sir E. A. Hodson's Company, together with the Signal Platoon under Starkey and the medically unfits, proceeded to Dehra Dun on 9 April; the remainder of the journey to Kailana had to be accomplished by march route, a distance of 53 miles carried out in four stages, Turner, Richardson and Verney were the other officers of the party. All married families proceeded to Kailana between 9 and 15 April, travelling from Saharanpur by motor car.

Prideaux-Brune remained as Commandant throughout the Summer, and owing to his untiring efforts, the camp was considered by all, high and low, a wonderful success.

A most regrettable accident occurred on the night of 17 April, when Act.-Sergeant Bidlake fell from the upper verandah of a barrack-room and died of his injuries in the Station Hospital.

On 23 April Fulford was posted to the Waziri-

stan Field Force for extra-regimental employment.

To the universal regret of all ranks of the Battalion, Colonel Paley bade us farewell on 26 April to proceed on leave on the expiration of his command. It was a very great wrench for him to cut himself off from active association with the Battalion, but a greater for the Battalion to lose such a splendid Rifleman as its Commander.

At the end of April, Starkey returned from a Signalling Course at Poona, where he was awarded Special Certificate.

The month of May was very hot, and to our great regret Sergeant Lawford, the Provost-Sergeant, died in Hospital from heat stroke. From 21 to 30 May a rifle meeting was held in the evenings, and in spite of the heat, quite a number of men turned out each night.

The second Hill Party, consisting of "C" or Captain T. J. B. Bosville's Company and the Machine Gunners under Harvey, proceeded to Kailana on 9 June; MacGeorge and Hicks were the other officers. The 1st Hill Party returned to Cawnpore on 9 June, having been away exactly two months.

On 15 June Major E. B. Powell, D.S.O., who had assumed command of the Battalion when Colonel Paley left, was promoted to command the Battalion.

Racquets flourished in hot weather up to the time of Colonel Paley's departure, and in his last game he and Powell won a great victory over two of the subalterns. Also the officers had a most exciting lawn tennis match against the sergeants in July, which they won, largely owing to the agility of Gwynne, who completely deceived his opponents and his partner as to where he would be for the next stroke. We were most successful at golf in Cawnpore during the wet

weather. Prescott Westcar won the Murray competition, and Ayers managed to lift one of the quarterly cups. After the victory his handicap was brought down in a most outrageous manner.

General Sir Havelock Hudson, K.C.B., K.C.I.E., A.D.C., inspected the Battalion at ordinary work on July 20, and lunched in the Mess after.

On 21st Turner and Starkey started off on nine months' leave, part of which was spent on a shooting trip in Nyassaland.

The Regimental Birthday was celebrated with Puggle Sports in the afternoon, and a Concert in the evening, at which C.S.M. Lovell was in great form.

The various Company side-shows were a great success, especially that of the Band, when an excellent Babu, who bore a curious resemblance to Act.-Corporal Noon, showed us a number of remarkable exhibits.

On 31st the Annual Lewis Gun Course was completed throughout the Battalion, and the results proved most satisfactory, being a great improvement on last year's averages.

During the hot weather pig-sticking flourished exceedingly, and the Cawnpore Tent Club had its most successful season for some time. Poole, Turner and Starkey went out pretty regularly.

"A" Company commenced Musketry on 4 September and completed on 12 October, obtaining an average of 133.7, only 1.3 below marksman. On 23 September the Boxing Team proceeded to Jhansi to take part in the Leicestershire Regiment's Tournament, Rifleman Kent, "C" Company, winning the Welter Weight.

The second Hill Party, under Bosville, returned from Kailana on 29 September.

1 October winter routine commenced, and black patent leather chin straps were taken into use on the helmets ; they are an improvement and add greatly to general smartness.

“ B ” and “ C ” Company commenced musketry on 2 October, and the Machine Gun Platoon commenced its annual course on the same day. On 15 October, after many orders and rumours, the date for the move to Peshawar was fixed for 8 December.

Machine Gun Platoon completed its annual course on 16 October, scoring an average of 292·8, 7·2 points below a marksman's average.

On the 18th, 19th and 20th the Inter-Company Boxing Tournament took place in the open outside the Roberts Club. “ C ” Company won the shield after some splendid fights, and great credit is due to Brierley, Company Sergeant-Major Woollard, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant Leach, and Sergeant Jones for the excellence of their arrangements.

“ B ” and “ C ” Companies completed their musketry classification at the beginning of November, averaging 110 and 99 respectively.

On 12 November the final of the Inter-Company Football Shield took place, Headquarters beating “ A ” Company after a keenly contested match.

In November we bade farewell, to our regret, to Prescott Westcar, who left to take up a prominent position in the motor world. We shall all miss his caustic comments on life in general. Knowles has also left for transfer to the Royal Corps of Signals.

Colonel Commandant G. C. Stewart, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding Allahabad Independent Brigade Area, carried out a farewell inspection of the Battalion on 15 November, at the conclusion of which he delivered

a long speech expressing his great appreciation of the Battalion's work during the period it has served under his command, and his regret at its departure.

On the afternoon of 15 November the Battalion Sports took place, the Shield being won by " B " Company, with Act.-Corporal Norman " Victor Ludorum."

The Polo Side, consisting of Hodson, Bosville, Poole and Allan went to Lucknow in the middle of November for the Polo Tournament and got into the final of the Subsidiary.

On the 18th, " B " Company won the Cross Country run, closely followed by Headquarters Company. Lieutenant Richardson, " B " Company, finished first.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, General Lord Rawlinson, inspected the Battalion on the 24th, and went round barrack rooms and Institutes after the parade.

On 21st the Battalion was unfortunate in losing Rifleman Tibbitts, " H.Q. " Company, who died in the British Station Hospital after undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

Headquarter Company completed its annual musketry course classification on 1 December, and with 147 firers obtained an average of 122.4.

On 3 December the advanced party under Pridcaux-Brune consisting of Hodson, Allan, Rushbrooke and Richardson, with " B " Company and various garrison and Regimental employ, left Cawnpore for Peshawar.

As can be imagined, the first week of December was taken up with checking ammunition and equipment, handing over barracks and packing up the Battalion belongings, whilst the Orderly Room were feverishly endeavouring to glean some information about the

trains and feeding arrangements for the journey on the 8th.

All heavy baggage was loaded by the night of the 6th, and the whole Battalion entrained on the evening of the 7th, having spent the night of the 6th under canvas on the maidan to enable the Barracks to be handed over to the Durham Light Infantry.

The Battalion left Cawnpore on the morning of the 8th in two trains.

Colonel Powell's train was the first to leave, at 10.40 a.m., consisting of "C" and "I" Companies and the Married Families. The second train with Nugent in command, comprising "A" and "H.Q." Companies, with most of the baggage and the ponies, left an hour later.

The first train arrived up to time in Peshawar on the 10th, but the second train was not so fortunate, as it kept getting hung up by mail trains, consequently "A" and "H.Q." Companies had to find their way into 160 lb. tents and sort out their kits after dark.

The Battalion suffered a great loss on leaving Cawnpore, which was felt by all of us. Frith, our Education Officer, had to be left behind. He had been with us for three years, and during that time, not only ran a very successful education branch, but also started the Savings Bank in the Battalion, which was run most successfully by him. We all appreciated his coolness during the crisis that was caused by the Alliance Bank failing.

On arrival in Peshawar the Battalion relieved the Border Regiment in Roberts Barracks, becoming part of the 3rd Indian Infantry Brigade ; and it is interesting to recall the fact that the 3rd Battalion occupied these same Barracks some 30 years ago, Ayers being in

the Battalion at the time. The Barracks are a great improvement on Cawnpore, as they are installed with electric light, fans, and fireplaces for the winter months.

By arriving on the 10th it just gave the Battalion time to settle down before Christmas, which was consequently celebrated in the usual manner, Head-quarter Company again winning the prize for the best decorated dining hall. In the afternoon a football match took place between the officers and sergeants, Sergeant Reed appearing in pyjamas. In spite of this, the officers won a great victory.

On 15 December Edwardes arrived with a draft of forty-seven from the United Kingdom, and a day or so later Norcott returned from leave as a married man, thus increasing the number of married officers to five.

The Battalion entered two teams for the Peshawar Christmas Polo Tournament, the "A" Team, consisting of Hodson, Bosvile, Poole and Gwynne, getting into the semi-final against the 8th Cavalry.

We have been unfortunate this year in losing Company Sergeant-Major Partridge, Company Quartermaster-Sergeant Denyer, and Company Quartermaster-Sergeant Eyears, all of whom have been transferred to the Home Establishment. Company Sergeant-Major Partridge is a great loss in Battalion football and cricket, as he was the mainstay of the football team, and the best bowler in the cricket team.

During the year the record of health of the Battalion has surpassed even last year's record, and we have had several inquiries from other districts as to how it has been done.

Wishing all Riflemen the best of good luck,

Yours ever,

1ST BN. R.B.

1ST BATTALION.

Hot Weather Letter, 1923.

31 December 1923.

DEAR EDITOR,

After several rumours as to where we should spend the hot weather, we heard early in March that Kailana Camp, Chakrata, was allotted to the Allahabad Independent Brigade Area. We were to provide half the camp staff, and a detachment of 300 men; we also heard that all our married families were to go there, too. A good many of us had already been there last year, and most of us had hoped for Raniket, where we had had a detachment in 1921.

The first party, consisting of Hodson, Turner, Starkey, Richardson and Verney, the greater part of "B" Company, the band boys and fifty "malaria cases" from the other companies, left Cawnpore on 9 April and reached Dehra Dun the following day. Colonel Commandant W. W. Pitt-Taylor, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who had just assumed command of the 17th Indian Infantry Brigade, paid us a visit in the rest camp. He was still able to find a few riflemen who had served with him when he was serving with the Regiment.

On the night 10-11 the party started on the sixty-mile march up to Kailana Camp. The march is done in four stages, the first two being more or less on the flat, and the last two up a fairly stiff gradient. There are rest camps at Dehra Dun, Jumnipur, Kalsi and Saiah. The party reached Kailana without incident in time for breakfasts on 14 April.

During the next three weeks we were joined by the following detachments :—

300 men of the 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders from Allahabad.

200 men of the 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment from Delhi.

Seventy-five men of the 2nd Battalion Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment from Kamptee.

Eighty-five Royal Field Artillery from various stations in the Central Provinces.

Besides our own married families, we were joined by a few families from Allahabad and Delhi. All families travelled to Saharanpur, thence by car or lorry up to Kailana. The road is a terribly bad one, and the distance sixteen miles further than from Dehra Dun, which makes it a trifle difficult to see where "the economy" comes in. Despite a wheel or two coming off *en route* and bowling merrily down the khud, and other slight accidents of the kind, all the families arrived safely, though in one or two cases their nerves had suffered to a certain extent.

The first ten days of May produced no less than four General Officers to inspect the camp. The Commander-in-Chief Eastern Command, the G.O.C. United Provinces District, the D.D.M.S. Eastern Command, and the Colonel Commandant 17th Indian Infantry Brigade. Opinions varied as the meaning of this sudden interest shown towards us, the two reasons given most credence being:—

- (a) That it was beginning to stoke up below;
- (b) That travelling allowance always comes in handy.

We were able to do a good deal of training. All "indifferent shots" were put through Table "A." The "old soldiers" told us that the $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles march to and from the Range was the factor mainly responsible

for the satisfactory results obtained. In the middle of May Major G. W. P. Money, 1/3rd Q.A.O. Gurkha Rifles, came up to give us a fortnight's course of hill warfare. Some of us had met him in Mesopotamia, and we were all glad to see him. Knowing that we should be going to Peshawar in the near future, all ranks showed the keenest interest, and we all enjoyed what was to most of us a novel form of training. We had lectures, demonstrations by No. 6 Platoon under Sergeant Jones, D.C.M., and a certain amount of practical work. We finished up with a 48 hour scheme, without any transport, attended by the Brigade Commander.

By way of amusements we did the best we could. Except for the polo ground, which was $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles away, there only exists one bit of flat ground, which has to do duty as parade ground and football ground for all detachments. We only got the ground allotted to us for football on an average of from three to four times a week. A Mr. Hayde, ex-Sergeant-Major R.G.A., ran quite a good cinema show, which was much appreciated, especially during the rains. The officers got two days' polo a week through the kindness of the 1st Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, who were our neighbours at Chakrata. The married families were entertained at least twice a week. The various detachments gave whist drives and dances and "socials." The Sergeants' Mess was more than lavish in their hospitality, as was the Corporals' Room. Besides all these, we had a Depot Dance Club, which ran many successful dances, to which all ladies were invited. The Officers and Sergeants of "B" Company gave a shield for an inter-platoon football competition, which was won by No. 6 Platoon (Sergeant Jones, D.C.M.). We had a

Depot Sports Meeting early in June. Our contractor, Khan Sahib Sheik Rashid Ahmed, gave a silver cup for the detachment which won most events. This gave us a most exciting finish, as the fate of the cup depended on the result of the last race. This was a Relay Race which we won, thereby winning the cup. All the finals were run off on the King-Emperor's Birthday, on which day we had a parade, fired a *feu-de-joie*, and marched past by detachments to our various Regimental Marches, played by the pipers of the 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. When our turn came the pipers excelled themselves, though nobody knew what tune they were playing. After the parade the wedding of our Orderly Room Sergeant, Sergeant Straight, to our Schoolmistress, Miss Whitehead, took place.

On 8 June the first party left. Almost everybody was sorry to go. Despite the somewhat gloomy forebodings of those who had been there last year, we had quite enjoyed ourselves.

On 14 June the second party arrived. This consisted of Bosvile, Harvey and Macgeorge; Hicks also came up to pay us a flying visit. Verney, who had been left behind by the first party, went to hospital, where he remained till August. "C" Company, the band boys, and malaria cases made up the rest of the party.

We were again able to do a good deal of training, though the rains, which broke on 20 June and lasted almost the whole way through our stay, interfered a good deal. "C" Company got through their Lewis gun course, and both "C" Company and "H.Q." Company completed their revolver courses, in both cases with considerable success. On 1 September

Captain S. L. Miller-Hallett, 1/2nd K.E.O. Gurkha Rifles, arrived and gave us a two weeks' course of hill-warfare. This was very successful, and at the conclusion we were complimented by the Brigade Commander on the keenness shown by all ranks and the progress made in so short a time. Gwynne paid us a flying visit, but had to leave before the course. This was a source of much disappointment to the men, as one of them expressed it, "We all wanted to see how Mr. Gwynne would travel down hill."

As regards amusements, on 19 June the D.C.L.I. held an amusing gymkhana, at which we were able to win one or two events. We only had two or three days' polo, owing to the rain. Dances, whist drives and socials were frequent events, and were always well attended, and very popular. We had a Novices' Boxing Tournament from 6 to 11 August. We were second, the 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment just beating us. On the night of the Finals Rifleman Kent easily disposed of one of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in a special contest. Act.-Corporal Curtis also won a contest in the first round. We celebrated the Regimental Birthday by a fancy-dress football match in the morning, a six-a-side inter-platoon football tournament in the afternoon, and a Whist Drive and fancy-dress dance in the evening. During the first week of September the Depot held an inter-platoon football competition. Numbers 10 and 11 platoons both got into the semi-finals, when they were knocked out by teams of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. On 19 September the officers gave a most successful dance; great credit was due to our Mess Sergeant, Sergeant Pinnock, "A" Company, for the decorations. On 21 and 22 September we had some more sports;

this time we could only finish second to the 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

We feel we must make mention of our Education Officer, Frith, who joined us on 9 July and stayed with us till we left on 25 September. During this period we had two examinations for both second and third class certificates of education. It says much for his methods and capacity for hard work that we were able to obtain 73 second-class certificates and 45 third-class certificates.

On 25 September we marched out and were more than fortunate to get into the train at Dehra Dun on 28 September dry. We left first, and all the other detachments got drenched.

Considering the gloomy warnings of the people who had been at Kailana last year, we really had a very good time. Our adjutant, Macintyre of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and our Depot Sergeant-Major, Company Sergeant-Major Smith of the same unit, were indefatigable in their efforts to make the 'camp a success. The latter ran the Sergeants' Mess, always a difficult proposition in a changing community of mixed units, extremely well. In fact the outstanding feature of the whole camp was the hospitality of the Sergeants towards the married families, who otherwise would have had a very dull time. We would wish Company Sergeant-Major Smith all success, and hope that before long we may see him promoted to Regimental Sergeant-Major. We also wish to tender our thanks to all "the Staff," who did so much to try and make our stay pleasant.

Yours ever,

1ST BN. R.B.

DETACHMENT.

1ST BATTALION, THE RIFLE BRIGADE.

“ A ” COMPANY.

BENARES,

December, 1923.

DEAR EDITOR,

Our journey down to Benares was somewhat eventful as a beginning. The fuss and the bother of leaving Cawnpore was relieved by one of the Riflemen feigning appendicitis. This caused one officer to lose his British warm and another his temper. On arriving in the early hours at Benares there seemed to be considerable doubt as to whether the barracks had been taken over by the advance party or not. The result was lengthy and rather heated correspondence. However, we eventually settled down, and as we had already finished our camp and training, we were able to concentrate on musketry, finishing up with an average of 105·24, thus winning the shooting shield. It was not long before we were inspected by General Sir Havelock Hudson.

We soon realized that we should have to make our own amusements at Benares, or have none at all, and so various football and hockey tournaments were started amongst the platoons. We also had a little cricket, but on the whole we were not very brilliant at it. There were also dances two or three times a month, at which the band of the 95th Russell's Infantry played. Then we had our own sports meeting, as we could not send any men to Cawnpore. During the year, too, we had boxing, and once a billiard tournament. There was a swimming-bath in the summer which was much appreciated, but the trouble was that

it took such a long time to fill, and after the monsoon had started, we could not empty it, as the pipe was below the level of the tank outside.

Cave went for a fortnight's shoot with the Commissioner in January, and got a couple of panthers, though we hear he missed some bears. He was out again in the Central Province for six weeks in the summer.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant Wates left us in the Spring to go home on leave, and his place was taken by Company Quartermaster-Sergeant Denyer. He proved a great asset in every way, and when he left us in December to go home it was a great loss to the Company.

We had two drafts out, one in February and one in March. They were both badly needed, as we had lost a lot of men just before Christmas, when the "four year" men went home.

Sir William Marris, Governor of the United Province, visited Benares for a few days in March. He stayed at Nandesar House as a guest of the Maharajah of Benares, and we mounted a guard there, commanded by Sergeant Young. His visit was made the occasion for garden parties, of which the chief feature was Baird's immaculate turn-out, which caught the eye of several of the opposite sex, and we are told that Garnett had a splendid evening at a banquet with a Missionary on one side and an Indian on the other.

Gwynne left us soon after this to take up the duties of Act.-Adjutant at Cawnpore. Later in the summer we heard that these duties had taken him to the hills, and in May he left us to go to the Depot, being relieved by Douglas, who came out in April.

Towards the end of March Colonel Paley came down

to say good-bye to the Company, and very sorry we were that the time to bid him good-bye had come at last.

Just before the monsoon we had a fête to help on the Company's sports fund. All the local society turned out to see the Benares Plate and the Ganges Cup. In addition to these races, complete with a totalizator run by Sergeant Flint and Act.-Corporal Coley, there was tent-pegging by the Benares State Army, elephant rides, camel races, and innumerable side-shows and fireworks. This was so successful that we repeated it on the Regimental Birthday, with even greater success. This time the Maharajah of Benares kindly lent his Band in addition to his elephants and camels. The Police beat the State Army at tent-pegging, though the latter won the individual tent-pegging. The Kunwar Sahib came over and took a tremendous interest in the events, even indulging in a mild flutter at the totalizator.

Sergeant Flint umpired at all games, to our utmost satisfaction, and was always willing to discuss or argue on any subject at any time. We feel him a great loss to our debating society and the ration stand.

After this we settled down to musketry, as we had to complete it before leaving for Peshawar. After much hard work we were glad to find that we had improved on last year's average by about 25 points.

One man we mustn't forget to mention is Munshi Ram Narain Lall, who will be well remembered by all old 2nd Battalion Officers between 1912 and 1914. He ran our followers and hot weather establishment most successfully. He showed us all over the city, found servants for the Mess and saw that we were not overcharged for brass and brocade work.

On Armistice Day an unknown lady of the Station gave all the Company a tea in the Gymnasium, and although there were many rumours, she never disclosed her identity.

We ought not to forget the Concert Party which Hodson brought down from Cawnpore. There were not many shows to be seen in Benares, and we were very glad to have this one.

We had many formal visits from the Battalion Staff and they were all subjected to a very full tour of the Temples, smells, and brocades.

The frequent issue of "Comic Cuts" from Olympus relieved the tedium of the hot weather. Some of the answers, if not entirely conventional, had, at least, the merit of originality.

At last, on 1 December, the advance party of the Durham Light Infantry came to relieve us. This brought an end to Jagganath, who had been contractor since 1913 and who really did a lot for us. It also brought farewell messages from the Maharajah of Benares, who always did anything he could to help us. We had a hectic week handing over, during which Garnett went off to Peshawar with the advance party, and Company Quartermaster-Sergeant Flint and Corporal Standford left us for good to go home. Finally, on 6 December, we left for Peshawar, to join the Battalion at Cawnpore, and were very glad to be with them once more.

Yours ever,
DETACHMENT, 1ST BN. R.B.

SERGEANTS' LETTER.
1ST BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE.

PESHAWAR.

1 January 1924.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The time has arrived for us to inflict our literary efforts upon you once again.

We last wrote to you from Cawnpore, at which spot we reposed in a life of comparative ease and contentment, for the past three years.

The saying has it that "after the calm comes the storm" and at the time of writing we find ourselves settling down to a life of considerable activities, from a social quite as much as from a military point of view.

To continue from where we closed last year. Having safely got over the Christmas festivities, etc., we devoted the first few months of the year, as we are wont to do, by making the very most of the remaining portion of the short "winter."

During this period, several successful socials, whist drives and dances were held under the able direction of Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant Banyard, Sergeant-Bugler Clements and other harassed members of the entertainment committee. Our solitary tennis court was always in great demand, and our occasional "Tennis At Homes" were always exceptionally well attended, which says a great deal as regards their popularity.

During the summer those of us who were more

fortunate than others went off to the Hills for short spells, whilst the less fortunate remained in Cawnpore—veritable prisoners by day, confined to our bunks by an evil-reputed sun and well-disposed medical authorities, to venture forth at dusk from our places of concealment which, by this hour, might reasonably be likened to incubators, with no desire other than to imbibe in “rock shandies” or “chota pegs” (according to taste and means) in a vain attempt to quench an indomitable thirst, such as one acquires only in this part of the globe.

About this time, Straight, our Orderly Room Sergeant, went quietly away and passed a course of matrimony. He married our schoolmistress, and we wish him all happiness.

Cook and Reed, probably the most venturesome of us, would at intervals, pack up their traps and guns and disappear into the jungle on shooting trips, chiefly for wild pig, buck and nylghau. As we hearken unto the tales of their exploits, brave deeds and hair-breadth escapes which these two mighty men of valour will sometimes describe to us, we are filled with awe, although Cook is most emphatic in his opinion that, when relating his experiences, he can get more “buck” from the so-called “youngsters” than he ever got on any shooting trip.

We must here mention, with deep regret, the death of Sergeant Bidlake, on 17 April, from accidental injuries, and of Sergeant Lawford, on 12 May, from heat-stroke. These two members being taken from us so suddenly and within such a short time came as a great shock. Again we offer our sympathetic condolences to their relations.

Colonel Paley left us in April, but not before

presenting us with an exquisite addition to our extensive collection of silver, in the shape of a silver replica (or statuette) of a Rifleman in full marching order. We have had his farewell message inscribed on the pedestal on which the statuette stands. Whoever reads this inscription will realize the great pride he had taken in us and the grief he suffered in leaving the Battalion. Many of us hear from him frequently, and we all offer him our very best wishes.

With his departure, however, we do feel that we now stand our former chances in the veterans' race. For the previous three years the laurels of this contest have been easily carried off by the strong favourite—Colonel Paley—now we are the “cock of the walk” once again.

“How fat these Sergeants are getting,” an officer who witnessed the last veterans' race was heard to remark, to which, as we gaze up at the long narrow personages, Shawyer, Trimmer, Denyer and down to other narrow beings, namely, Spiller, Westlake and others, taking exception perhaps to Gore, we are glad to declare there is not the slightest foundation.

August 24 saw us conducting a whist drive and dance which was undoubtedly the most successful military function held during our stay at Cawnpore.

The Civilians said they had previously heard that the sergeants, who were noted for their shyness, had come out of their shells at last, and consequently they turned up in considerable numbers. True enough, on this evening, many of us who before had not considered ourselves proficient in the art of dancing, were well to the fore with the very best.

In December we said good-bye to Cawnpore and started on our journey for Peshawar.

Company Sergeant-Major Lovell, who, in view of his former experiences, was once again placed in charge of the married families during this move, carried out his duties most pathetically.

We doubt whether he appreciates the honour that is conferred on him in this respect.

During the year we have welcomed the arrival from home of Company Sergeant-Major Woollard, Company Quartermaster-Sergeants West, Richardson, Sergeants Owen, Boustead, McCullough and Heath, and Company Sergeant-Major Partridge (Home Establishment), Company Quartermaster-Sergeant Eyears, and Sergeant Denyer (Depot), O.R. Quartermaster-Sergeants Collyer and Flint (Discharge and to Reserve) have left us.

Before closing we must mention the tribute that is due to Mr. Cooper for all that he has done for our Mess. We have been in Peshawar only three weeks, and are already blessed with the comfort of a first-class mess of which practically everything in it is our own property, including the billiard table, piano, carpets and every stick of furniture.

That considerable pains must have been taken to salve the mess from the indifferent state it was in two years ago and to bring it to its present state of, yes, we may say so, perfection, we readily appreciate, and we take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Cooper and those who have assisted him, on the brilliant achievement attained in the interest of our own comforts.

SERGEANTS. 1ST BN. R.B.

1ST BATTALION, THE RIFLE BRIGADE.
CORPORALS' LETTER, 1923.

PESHAWAR,
1 January, 1924.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The Corporals of the 1st Battalion have at last learned the art of making themselves known through the R.B. CHRONICLE, but we are afraid they are very bad as correspondents.

On arrival in India, we started a Corporals' Room, and thanks to our Commanding Officer and a generous P.R.I. we were able to fit ourselves up with a billiard table and a gramophone, and finally, the place was nearly on a par with the Sergeants' Mess.

Life at Cawnpore was made pleasant during the very hot months by occasional football, cricket and billiard matches against the Sergeants. At billiards we were successful each time, but at the other games they were too "old soldiers" for us.

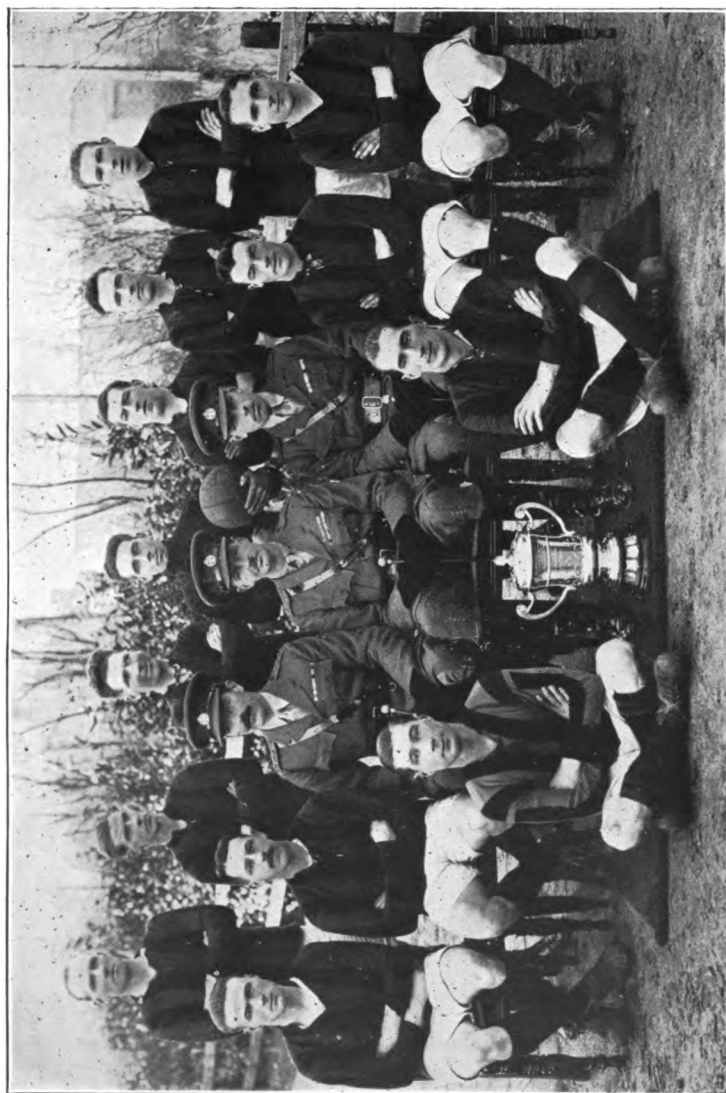
Much amusement was caused by the efforts of some members of the Mess to grow moustaches. They, however, did not relinquish their efforts, and one is glad to be able to record that such satisfactory progress was made, that when the Corporals of "A" Company at Benares had their photograph taken, no one in Cawnpore could recognize them.

We were very grateful for the privilege of green walking-out dress, and pride ourselves that we are quite the smartest dressed corporals in India, especially after knocking round "Mesopotamia," etc., with the stereotype "K.D.," and no change of colour in dress.

Wishing all Riflemen at home every success in the New Year.

CORPORALS. 1/R.B.

2nd BATTALION.



ARMISTICE CUP FOOTBALL TEAM, 1923.

<i>Back Row—</i>	Sgt. Cockera	A/C Kyne	Cpl. Wilkins	Rfn. Gaywood	Sgt. Hardman	A/Sgt. Isherwood	Bdsm. Holmes
<i>Sitting—</i>	Cpl. Hadley	R.S.M. Sandy	Capt. & Adjlt. Fairfax Ross	Major Riley	Capt. Bridgeman	A/C Packer	Cpl. Norton
<i>On Ground—</i>			A/C Burrell		Sgt. Ross Gower		

2ND BATTALION.

OUDENARDE BARRACKS,

FARNBOROUGH.

31 December, 1923.

DEAR EDITOR,

It seems strange to be really writing our yearly letter from our proper station in England after our wanderings for three years, but to take up our story from our last letter we must go back to Turkey.

During the early part of January the warlike condition which had recommenced on Boxing Day had continued and two Companies were always kept in the Forward Sector, Forward Posts being manned and Companies standing to at 5 a.m. daily.

Patrols were constantly sent out at night, and owing to the bad weather these were real hard work.

On 12 January orders were received that "standing to" might cease and only one Company need be kept in the Forward Sector. Patrols, however, continued.

Rumours of war and surprise advances by the Turk continued to be a daily occurrence, but nobody took them very seriously by this time.

Various combined exercises took place with the flanking ships of the Royal Navy in conjunction with the Royal Air Force about this time, and at the end of January a detachment of about forty R.M.L.I. from H.M.S. "Emperor of India" were attached to "C" Company at Chardakly Camp, and "C" Com-

pany have as a result discovered what an unique individual a "Commissioned Gunner R.M." is !

On 4 February the Lausanne Conference broke down owing to the refusal of the Turks to sign the Treaty, and on 6 February, owing to trouble at Smyrna, orders were received at midnight to send another Company to the Forward Area !

On 9 February this fresh scare had died down and again only one Company was left in the Forward area.

On 29 February the situation had again become so peaceful that patrols were knocked off, and we were told to get on with specialist and company training, as there was going to be a two months' lull during negotiations. "B" Company moved to the Forward area, and as a result Maxwell obtained a "D" in a Constant Mining Course.

On 25 April the Colonel, Adjutant, and the Buglers went to Cape Helles on H.M.S. "Royal Sovereign" in order to take part in a memorial service which was held at "V" Beach, Cape Helles, to commemorate the landing of the 29th Division.

Company and platoon training were carried out during May, and although times were short, it proved of great value to the Battalion.

The 12 May was a very sad day for us all, for it was the day that Lieut.-Colonel Harington left for England prior to his giving up command. Apart from our deep affection and respect for him as a friend and brother officer, his calm and unflurried outlook on the Turkish situation when everybody else was in a constant state of nerves, made the whole difference to the efficiency and well-being of the Battalion under the most trying circumstances.

On the King's Birthday a Divisional Ceremonial

parade was held on the high ground above Tekke Camp and the Battalion was complimented on its smartness and the excellence of its "March Past."

The only other comment passed was by a Staff Officer who was heard to remark, "That Battalion ought to be sent back, as they have come on parade without their bayonets."

On 3 June Lieut.-Colonel Buxton officially took over command of the Battalion.

Soon fresh rumours of war were started and patrols were sent out during the night, but nothing happened, curious as it may seem!

In July company route-marches were held once a week and "B" Company went to Maidos Camp on the Gallipoli Peninsula to start their musketry.

On 24 July news was received that Peace had been signed at Lausanne. We had been waiting so many weary months, however, that our excitement was not very intense and the event was celebrated very calmly, although it is reported that Worthing was more cheerful than usual for a few hours.

About this time education was our bugbear, and crammed classes were tried with great effect.

Having been informed that we should be the last Battalion to leave Chanak, we were delighted on 27 July to hear that we were to leave on the second day after Peace had been ratified.

We were making our plans to celebrate our Regimental Birthday, when late on 22 August, we were informed that the Treaty would almost certainly be ratified on the 23rd and the Battalion would act as if embarking on the 25th. This was confirmed next morning and all our utensils were handed into Ordnance.

On 24th all remaining tents, canvas, stores, etc., were handed in, and we were left literally "beneath the stars." Luckily the weather was marvellous and sunrise on 25 August was one of the best moments that most of us had had for a long time. The conditions were the same as on the night on which we landed in Turkey, but the prospects were quite different!

The Battalion marched to Nagara Pier and embarked on H.T. "Syria" from lighters, commencing at 9.30 a.m. and were all on board by 12 noon. We set sail for England at 3 p.m. and proved Crosbie's theory that the best view of Chanak was through the bottom of a glass on a boat heading due west. Probably this is one of the most satisfactory Regimental Birthday celebrations ever held.

Our departure from Chardakly Camp was made rather humorous by crowds of our old friends the Turks from Karaja Veiran, who arrived before daybreak to see what they could beg, borrow, or steal. The chief item of interest "borrowed" was Crosbie's haversack, containing two bottles of beer.

One of the chief monuments left at Chanak to celebrate the occupation of British troops was a certain road known as "Beckers Avenue" stretching from Nagara to near Chardakly Camp, about a mile and a half in length and varying from 6 feet to 30 feet in breadth. It was a truly monumental work, and it is rumoured that on the day it was opened a transport driver went two and a half miles round by the sea-shore in order to avoid its somewhat broken surface. At the extreme end of this avenue was at one time a forest of wire, chiefly composed of "Ox" fences. They will remain long in our memory!

One of the happiest recollections of our stay in

Turkey was the firm friendship we formed with the Royal Navy and particularly with the officers and men of H.M. Ships "Royal Sovereign" "Resolution" and "Centurion." Not only because of the extreme interest and value of the combined exercises which were carried out, but also because of the well-known hospitality of the Senior Service, which always provided us with a good meal and hot bath whenever we needed it.

Nor will any of us forget the kindness of the O.C. No. 4 Squadron, Royal Air Force, and his officers, who were always ready to "take us heavenwards" and so often helped us with motor transport in our excursions to Suvla Bay.

In football, sports, or running, the Battalion excelled itself, winning the Armistice Cup, open to all arms of the Services with the British Forces in Turkey; the Sports Bowl, open to all arms of the Services in the Dardanelles Area, and the Chanak Cross Country Cup. Separate accounts are given elsewhere.

During the summer, company cricket matches were a great stand by, the 1st Eleven pitch being in the middle of a young forest, and the 2nd Eleven pitch having in addition a hornets' nest in the middle of it. The games were amusing but somewhat dangerous, and a team from H.M.S. "Resolution" were equally puzzled by our local rules and conditions. Several members of the Battalion frequently played for the Chanak team against the Royal Navy and teams brought down by the Commander-in-Chief, from Constantinople.

Sea bathing was really wonderful and only about a mile from the camp. Certain members of the Battalion became almost fish-like in their habits and

the standard of swimming was very greatly improved. Diving boards were a constant source of amusement and frequently used.

Polo, so called, took place three days a week, and of the eight quadrupeds supplied to the Battalion all except one were made into Polo Ponies. Practically every officer in the Battalion played at one time or another and we produced more enthusiasts than any other regiment.

A Battalion team (chosen chiefly because they had the only horses available at the moment, made up of the Colonel, Riley, Fairfax-Ross and Perceval-Maxwell) was entered for the Chanak Cup, and was only just beaten in the first round by the Divisional Head-quarter team, who were much better mounted.

The only circumstances which really marred the stay of the Battalion in Turkey were the sad deaths of No. 6908180 Act.-Corporal Smith, No. 6910026 Rifleman Preston of "C" Company, who died from meningitis and pneumonia respectively, and No. 6905830 Sergeant Byrne, the Orderly Room Corporal, who died from an acute attack of dysentery the day before Peace was signed. Rifleman Preston was buried in the Christian Cemetery at Chanak and the two others in the Hospital Cemetery at Kilia. Gravestones bearing the Regimental Crest were erected above their graves.

We will now resume our journey to England, which commenced on the Regimental Birthday.

After two days at sea we lost our port propellor, and although the orderly officer was nearly put under stoppages for not reporting the loss at once, we were told to proceed to Malta as best we could and await instructions from the Admiralty.

We arrived at Malta on 29 August and fully expected to be told to disembark and to wait there for six weeks or so until another transport was available, but as the Colonel gave all first-class passengers leave to go ashore, as soon as we arrived, we were, of course, told half an hour after that we had to sail as soon as possible for Gibraltar.

Messages were sent all over the island and the Colonel and Adjutant themselves acted as "whippers in" for the tour of Valetta.

We sailed about 8 p.m. and arrived at Gibraltar on 2 September, where we only stayed a few hours, without anybody going ashore. The same day we set sail for England, going very slowly, and praying for good weather, as our steering was somewhat uncertain.

We disembarked at Southampton on 8 September, where we found a great many Riflemen awaiting to welcome us home. We proceeded at once to Aldershot and on arrival the Battalion had the honour of being met at the station by the Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and with him were H.R.H. Princess Helene Victoria, and Lady Patricia Ramsey, and also the Divisional and Brigade Commanders.

On 11 September the Battalion paraded outside the 2nd Divisional Headquarters, and was inspected by H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, Colonel-in-Chief, who presented medals to certain W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Riflemen.

The Colonel Commandant, Lieut.-General Sir H. Wilson, was present on parade, and after the inspection the Battalion marched past in column and close column in double time.

After the inspection the Colonel-in-Chief marched at the head of the Battalion back to barracks and dismissed the parade. At the termination of the parade the Colonel-in-Chief said how pleased he was with the appearance of the Battalion; the handling of arms and marching were excellent, and all ranks were exceptionally steady on parade.

Early in September the whole Battalion proceeded on three weeks' leave, with the exception of the unfortunate few who were indispensable.

On 12 October the Battalion was inspected by the Brigade Commander, Colonel Commandant H. C. Jackson, C.B., C.M.G.

The same evening H.R.H. the Colonel-in-Chief dined with us in Mess—Is there any detail connected with the Regiment with which he is not perfectly conversant?

The remaining three companies commenced musketry on 13 October, and although the weather was bad and the time short, the results were exceptionally good. A separate account appears elsewhere, and also gives the result of A.R.A. Competitions. All other activities ceased for the time being except that the G.O.C. 2nd Division, Major-General Sir H. Strickland, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., inspected the Battalion on parade on 7 November.

The Battalion Training Cadre under Gordon-Duff started in November, and Individual Training commenced.

With the first batch of winter-leave people away, and special Christmas leave, very few officers and men were present with the Battalion for Christmas Day, but those who were spent it very quietly in eating and preparing for a Dance which was held in the evening.

Just after New Year a most successful party was given for the children of the Married Families in the Library, and great thanks are due to Mrs. Buxton and Mrs. Worthing for the great interest they took to make it a success.

Throughout the winter, the Officers' chief amusement has been drag-hunting with the Aldershot Command Pack. On one occasion out of eighteen officers present with the Battalion, seventeen turned out at the start, and though there was a certain amount of grief, all turned up at the finish when hounds ran into their herring or very soon afterwards.

The following officers have left us during the year :—

Captain C. C. McGrigor, O.B.E. Retired.

Captain J. A. Davison, M.C. To War Office.

Lieutenant W. E. Rogers. To King's African Rifles.

Lieutenant G. Whitaker. To Grenadier Guards.

Captain T. H. Massy-Beresford, M.C. To Military Secretary, Southern Command.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Harington, C.M.G., D.S.O. Retired.

Major A. J. H. Sloggett, D.S.O. Retired.

Bt. Lieut.-Colonel L. Follett, D.S.O. G.S.O.2.

Bt. Lieut.-Colonel D. J. C. K. Bernard, C.M.G., D.S.O. G.S.O. 1st Division.

Captain E. T. Gurdon, M.C. To Black Watch.

Captain G. C. Cooper. To S.W. Borderers.

Captain R. Edwardes. To 1st Battalion.

The following Officers have joined us during the year :—

Captain H. Hubble, M.C.

Lieutenant D. N. Guthrie.

Lieutenant N. R. Blockley.

Lieutenant The Lord Plunket.

2nd Lieutenant A. G. V. Paley.

2nd Lieutenant R. G. L. Tryon.

Major O. C. Downes, D.S.O., M.C.

Captain R. I. V. Birkbeck.

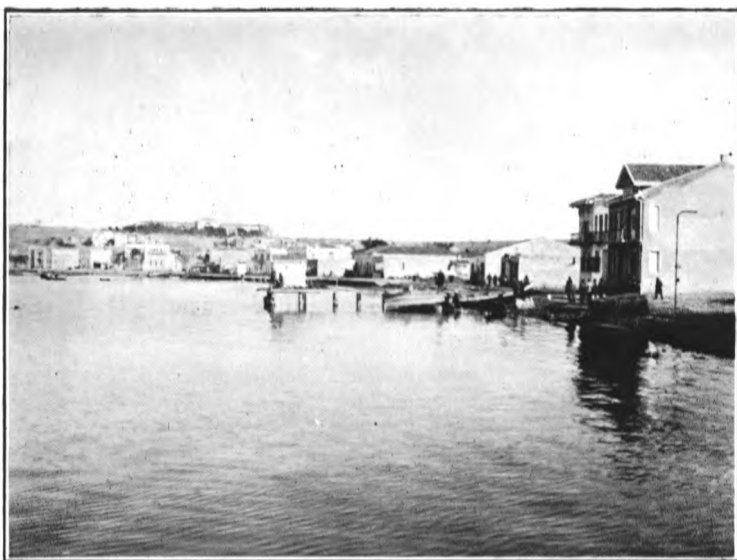
Lieutenant W. J. Carlile, M.C., M.M.

2nd Lieutenant A. C. J. Congreve.

Bt. Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Wilson, D.S.O.

Yours ever,

2ND B., R.B.



CHANAK—VIEW LOOKING TOWARDS HOSPITAL.



CHANAK—VIEW FROM THE HOSPITAL.

DEPOT LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WINCHESTER,
31 December 1923.

DEAR EDITOR,—

The beginning of 1923 found very little doing at the Depot. There was only one squad of recruits and, as far as could be foretold, little likelihood of any further recruiting. This, of course, was due to the recent disbandment of the 3rd and 4th Battalions, many of whose surplus men had been transferred to the 1st and 2nd Battalions. It was not long, however, before we had plenty to occupy our minds; rumours had been current for some time that a complete change in the organization of Depots was contemplated, and during March the Army Order was published laying down the establishment, etc., for Depots already in force in the Northern Command. The merits of the scheme were eagerly discussed, and as far as could be seen the new system promised to work admirably in spite of the gloomy forebodings of some of the more conservative-minded individuals. The transition stage from the old to the new system was not without difficulty, owing to the fact that both Battalions were abroad and any interchange of personnel impossible. However, things worked out pretty well, and the new system came into being without any serious hitch. The net result of the new system is that the Depot Staff is considerably reduced and now consists of 8 Officers and 70 other ranks. It

is unnecessary to go into further detail of the new organization, which any person of an inquiring turn of mind, who doesn't know already, can find in Army Order 99 of 1923.

In April another squad of recruits was formed, and owing to it being under normal strength the total number of recruits became 40 instead of 60, the correct strength of two standard squads.

During the summer it was notified by the W.O. that the Public Schools O.T.C. Camp at Tidworth Park was to be run by the Greenjackets with Colonel G. N. Salmon, commanding the Rifle Depot, as Brigade Commander. This entailed a considerable amount of work. Both Battalions of the Regiment and the K.R.R.C. were abroad, which made it difficult to collect staffs for the four O.T.C. Battalions who were to be in camp. However, all difficulties were overcome, and eventually the camp took place early in August. Except for the first day, when the various contingents were arriving, frequently in torrential rain, the weather was very kind and proved almost ideal for the purposes of intensive training. The Camp may be called a great success—the keenness shown by the contingents was most gratifying—the messing was excellent, and the actual camp was laid out with admirable skill. The share of the Depot was considerable; not only did it supply a large proportions of the staffs for the Battalions, but the recruits, reinforced by some of the 2nd Battalion details from Aldershot, formed two demonstration platoons under Baird, Gordon-Duff and Brush. These demonstration platoons proved a great success, and the various “shows” they gave gained the approval of the high authorities.

The changes in personnel have been so numerous and complicated that I do not think it worth recording them here. Owing to the disbandment, officers were attached for a short period and moved on again ; in fact, with a few exceptions, we appeared to be in a continual state of flux until the arrival of the 2nd Battalion from Chanak, when we really began to get settled and attain some sort of permanent staff.

In July the Depot ceased to belong, for purposes of training, to the Southern Area, and came under the 3rd Division, commanded by Major-General Sir L. C. G. Heneker, who inspected us informally on 23 July and carried out the annual General Inspection on 22 November.

In June General Sir Walter Congreve, V.C., K.C.B., M.V.O., Colonel Commandant 1st Battalion, visited the Depot and inspected the recruits at their training.

On the whole we have had a successful year, and are looking forward to a busy 1924. The War Office has notified us that they are sending large numbers of recruits, so in a few months we can expect an opportunity of testing thoroughly the new Depot system.

With all good wishes,

DEPOT R.B.

THE GREENJACKETS O.T.C. CAMP, 1923.

THE G.J.O.T.C. Camp was held this last year at Tidworth Park, some 3,000 cadets attending. The Camp opened on 31 July, advanced parties arriving the previous day.

Owing to there being no Battalions of either Regiment in England, it looked at one time as if we should not be able to get the required number of Officers and N.C.O.'s to form the establishments of the four Battalions which made up the Brigade, but thanks to public-spirited officers at the Staff College, Senior Officers' School, and Sandhurst, who gave up leave to attend, and some of the 60th from the Rhine, this difficulty was overcome and the Staff completed, with the exception of Assistant Commandant, for which job no Greenjacket could be found, and which was taken at the last moment by Major Hunt of the Royal Berkshire Regiment, who hastily came along from the wilds of Dartmoor.

The Brigade and Battalion Staffs were as follows :—

Brigade Commander, Col. G. N. Salmon, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Assistant Commandant, Major T. E. C. Hunt, D.S.O.,

O.B.E., R. Berks Regt.

Brigade Major, Major T. R. Eastwood, D.S.O., M.C.

Staff-Captain, Captain O. W. H. Leese, D.S.O., Coldstream Guards.

Brigade Quarter-master, Major L. Eastmead, M.C.

Brigade Signalling Officer, Captain A. S. C. Browne,
12th Lancers.

Brigade Medical Officer, Major Startin, R.A.M.C.

Brigade Chaplain, Rev. S. C. Waldegrave, assisted by
Rev. G. Lee Crawley.

Sports Officer, Lt. R. A. T. Eve, K.R.R.C.

Gallopers, Gentlemen Cadets Congreve and Edwards.

Brigade Sergeant-Major, Regimental Sergeant-Major
Jagger, K.R.R.C.

Brigade Quartermaster Sergeant, Regt. Q.M.S. Reed,
R.B.

Brigade Office, Q.M.S. Hotine, R.B.

Battalion.

“A ” (60th) Battalion.

C.O., Colonel H. W. M. Watson. C.M.G., D.S.O.

2nd-in-C., Capt. LeG. G. W. Horton.

Adjutant, Capt. J. M. West, Res. of Officers R.B.

Coy. Sergt-Major Goodall.

Coy. Q.M.S. Chainey.

Schools.

Shrewsbury.

Newcastle.

Bromsgrove.

Westminster.

Weymouth.

“ B ” (R.B.) Battalion.

C.O., Major A. A. Tod.

2nd-in-C., Major W. H. S. Alston, M.C.

Adjt., Lt. N. R. Blockley.

Coy. Sergt.-Major Miller.

Coy. Q.M.S. Richardson.

Schools.

Dulwich.

Epsom.

King's School.

Sir Roger Manwood's.

St. Edmund's.

Chigwell.

Cranbrook.

Elizabeth College.

Kelly College.

West Bromwich.

“ C ” (60th) Battalion.

C.O., Major S. H. Ferrand, D.S.O., M.C.

2nd-in-C., Major A. E. Lawrence, M.C.

Adj't., Capt. T. N. F. Wilson, D.S.O., M.C.

Coy. Sergt.-Major Debley.

Coy. Q.M.S. Cotterell.

Schools.

Berkhampstead.

Blundell's.

King's College School.

Malvern.

Wellington.

Maidstone.

Wantage.

Taunton.

“ D ” (R.B.) Battalion.

C.O., Lt.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, D.S.O.

2nd-in-C., Capt. C. B. A. Hoskyns.

Adj't., Lt. E. J. A. H. Brush.

Coy. Sergt.-Major Vaidey.

Coy. Q.M.S. Warren.

Schools.

Eton.

Radley.

Uppingham.

Demonstration Platoons, of which there were two, one from the details 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade, and one of recruits from the Depot: Baird, Gordon-Duff, Tottill, all Rifle Brigade.

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31st onwards we had the most perfect weather right through.

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THE RIFLE BRIGADE CHRONICLE

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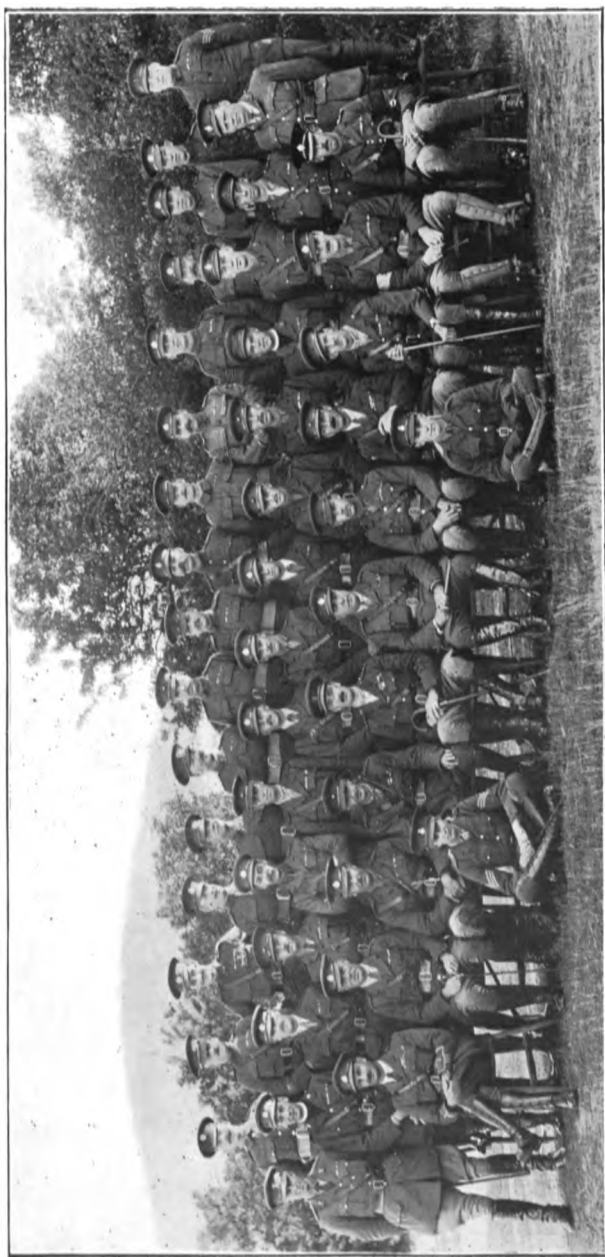
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Cadet Congreve	Cadet Harrison
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STAFF, O.T.C. CAMP, TIDWORTH, 1923.

was the burning out of "B" Battalion's Canteen, which might have been much worse had the wind not changed right round directly the fire started. This latter we attribute to the presence on the scene of a War Office representative. The fire also brought out the keenness of the fire picquets, one of whom, it is said, being present before the fire started!

The Revs. Waldegrave and Crawley presented those two well-known artistes Hugo Watson and George Horton almost nightly to a packed and enthusiastic audience. The sports were held on Sunday afternoon, there being a tremendous number of entries and keen competition. The Greenjacket Cup, for the School winning the most events, being won by Shrewsbury, with Eton the runners up, the Cup being presented to the winners by Mrs. Salmon. Among many spectators were General Sir William and Lady Heneker. Unfortunately the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Southern Command and Lady Congreve were not able to attend.

Lastly the thanks of every one connected with the Camp are due to Eastmead and Leese, the Brigade Quartermaster and Staff-Captain, for the excellent arrangements made for the general comfort, and on whom most of the hard work falls. Also it is, we think, a piece of good fortune that the "Greenjacket" Camp is held in the Command and under the immediate eye of a very distinguished Greenjacket.

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Final.—Jameson (holder) beat Moore-Gwyn by 3 games to one (11—15, 15—0, 15—3, 15—10). Both players failed to reproduce their true form and in consequence the Racquets was not up to the expected standard. Both however made some fine strokes, and Jameson in the last three games played more strongly, though he certainly made a number of very lucky points.

The Cup was presented to the winner by Major-General S. H. Sheppard.

Thus, once again, the Rifle Brigade have won both Singles and Doubles.

The thanks of all the competitors are due to the Committee of Prince's Club for the very efficient manner in which they ran the two Tournaments and to Butcher for his careful marking throughout.

POLO, 1923.

1st BATTALION

OUR first Tournament of the year was the Cawnpore Handicap Tournament played in the second week of January. Ten teams entered.

We put in two teams, Rifle Brigade "A," composed of Allan, Hodson, the Colonel, and Poole, and Rifle Brigade Subalterns—Knowles, Garnett, Brierley, and Taylor.

Our "A" team were beaten by the 15th Lancers "B," the winners of the Tournament, by 5 goals to 3 in the first round, but won the subsidiary by defeating the "Blues," 16/5 Lancers "B," and Cawnpore Gymkhana.

Our Subalterns Team had been so generous in giving their own best ponies and Polo Club ponies to the "A" Team that they were greatly handicapped by being badly mounted and consequently did not get far.

The Infantry Tournament was played at Bareilly in the last week of February.

The fact that it was a six chukker tournament prevented many Battalions from entering a team, as they could not find the ponies. It was, however, decided that in future the Infantry Tournament

1st BATTALION.



A AND B POLO TEAMS, 1921 AND 1922.

Capt. E. S. B.
Williams
Colonel
A. Paley

J. A.
Taylor
Wallach Cup
1921 and 1922

R. D.
Poole
Cawnpore Cup
1922
J. C. Garnett

Sergt. Jones
(Groundsman)
Cawnpore Subsidiary Cup
1922
A. W. Allen

Capt. Sir E.
Hodson
Major
E. R. Kewley

should be four chukkers with the hope that more Battalions would be able to compete.

Four teams entered. In the first round 2nd Bn. Somerset L.I. beat 2nd Bn. K.E.O. Goorkhas, and we beat 2nd Bn. Durham L.I.

In the final, after an excellent game, the Somersets won by 3 goals to 2, the winning goal being scored as the bugle was sounding the "Halt" at the end of the sixth chukker. This was the last Tournament that Colonel Paley played in before leaving the Battalion. We all regretted our defeat in the Infantry Tournament, most of all for Colonel Paley's sake, as it had been his greatest wish, from the first day that we played polo in Mesopotamia, that we should win the Infantry Tournament during his time in command of the Battalion. Colonel Paley can best be described as Father of Post-War Polo in the Battalion. When we arrived in Mesopotamia in 1919 he was the only member of the Battalion who had ever played polo before. He taught us the rules, lent us his sticks, took us out by the hour and taught us the strokes, schooled our ponies, arranged that our useless Government chargers should be changed for others a little more like polo ponies. When we arrived in India, he was always ready and willing to give his advice to those wishing to buy ponies and always had the best ponies in the Battalion himself. The excellent polo spirit which exists in the battalion was started and kept going by his example and influence. It is quite unnecessary to say how very greatly his loss is felt this polo season.

We started this season by entering a team for the Royals Cup in Lucknow in November—Allan, Bosville, Hodson and Poole.

We defeated 15th Lancers "A" in the first round and then met the Commander-in-Chief's team, with Lord Rawlinson himself playing No. 3, who beat us.

We got into the final of the subsidiary tournament, but were defeated by 15th Lancers "B."

From Lucknow, Allan, Brierley, Bosville and Poole went on to Jhansi to play in the Tournament there. In the first round we beat the local Gunner Team, but were then beaten by the Poona Horse.

We arrived in Peshawar in time for the Christmas Tournament. Nineteen teams entered, the Battalion putting in two teams:—"A" Team: Gwynne, Bosville, Hodson, Poole; "B" Team: Allan, Garnett, Brierley and Taylor.

By defeating Peshawar Gymkhana, Scots Greys "Y," 25th Pack Artillery Brigade, "A" Team reached the semi-finals, but were defeated by 8th Cavalry "A."

We hope to be able to enter a team for the Infantry Tournament at Delhi.

FOOTBALL, 1923.

1ST BATTALION.

NARAYAN SHIELD.

WE entered one team for this tournament, which we had won the last two years. The team was: Corporal Harding, "A"; Rifleman Brewster, "A"; Rifleman Poulter, "A"; Rifleman Baxter, "I"; Rifleman Purser, Headquarters; Rifleman Tothill, Headquarters; Act.-Corporal Holmes, "I"; Rifleman Dickenson, "B"; Rifleman Cruise, "I"; Rifleman Watts, "B"; Rifleman Selfe, Headquarters.

We drew a bye in the first round, and K Battery, R.H.A. from Lucknow in the second. The match took place on 7 July in Green Park, Avil Line. Our team had much the better of the first half, the forwards playing well, but were unable to score, though several shots went very close. We again pressed in the second half, but were again unlucky not to score, and the game ended in a draw, love all.

The re-play took place on 9 July at 7 a.m. The Battalion marched down to see the match, The Battery scored first, our goalkeeper letting a very greasy ball slip through. However, we were soon afterwards awarded a penalty (1-1). A second goal was scored by Cruise, and a third by Selfe. Half-time arrived with the score 3-1 in our favour. During the second half the sun was rather hot, which affected the players. The Battery soon drew level, their outside right getting clean away on both occasions. Just before time the Battery secured a corner, from which they headed a goal. The final score was K Battery 4, Battalion 3.

O. & R. RAILWAY CUP.

We put in two teams for this cup. Our "A" team again drew K Battery, R.H.A., who had beaten us in the Narayan Shield. The match was played on 19 July, the ground was in a sodden condition, and under water in places. The Battery forced a corner after ten minutes' play. This was very well placed by their outside left, and their centre-forward headed it in. For the remainder of the game we were on the offensive, and should have scored three or four goals: as it was, the gunners' goal had some miraculous escapes, but we could not get the ball through. There was no further score, and the game ended in a win for the Battery by 1-0. The team played much better than in the previous game, and suffered from hard luck. Our team was:—Corporal Harding, "A"; Rifleman Crews, "I"; Rifleman Poulter, "A"; Rifleman Purser, Headquarters; Rifleman Baxter, "I"; Rifleman Tothill, Headquarters; Rifleman Herstead, "A"; Rifleman Slater, "I"; Rifleman Dickenson, "B"; Bandsman Bushby, Headquarters, and Rifleman Selfe, Headquarters.

On 24 July our "B" team met the 48th Battery, R.F.A., from Allahabad. They proved much too good for us, and won by 6-0. Our backs were very weak, but the goalkeeper played a very good game. Our team was :—Rifleman Pannett, "B"; Sergeant Shannon, "I"; Rifleman Bass, "I"; Rifleman Collingwood, "B"; Act.-Corporal Broome, Headquarters; Rifleman Nicholls, "I"; Rifleman Ings, "I"; Rifleman Dales, "B"; Corporal Richard, Headquarters; Rifleman Watts, "B"; Rifleman Lee, "B."

The inter-company football was won by Headquarters Company.

The Sports and Cross Country Run were held in November. This time "A" Company was able to send a team up from Benares. Both the Sports and the Cross-Country Run were won by "B" Company. The hockey and the cricket were put off until we had moved to Peshawar, and will probably be played for about February.

2ND BATTALION.

IN our last letter from Chanak we left off half-way through the Armistice Cup Competition, which was open to Navy, Army and Air Force Teams stationed in Turkey. Our semi-final opponents in the Chanak Area were the 2nd Highland Light Infantry, whom we played on 12 January, beating them 2-1 after a gruelling game. In the final we met the 1st K.O.S. Borderers (who had previously beaten us in the League) on 26 January. This also proved a very hard game, but once again we were the victors, winning 2-1. The team played awfully well through this competition and were rewarded for their keenness by the week's holiday in Constantinople to play the 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment in the final, who had the reputation of only having five goals scored against them during a season. We met on the Taxim Stadium Ground, Constantinople, before a large crowd, including the Commander-in-Chief and Sir Horace Rumbold, the High Commissioner. The game was very fast indeed, having many exciting moments. Act.-Corporal Packer opened the scoring with a well-placed shot with his head. The Essex Regiment equalized a few moments from time. Extra time was ordered, but there was no further score. The match was replayed again the next day but was again drawn, after extra time had been played, neither side scoring a goal. This was chiefly due to the excellent defence on both sides.

As the 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment were under orders to proceed to India on 6 or 7 March, it was decided to replay the match at Chanak on March 4. The match was played in a high wind, which made the ball difficult to control, but a very hard and even game took place, but if anything, we had a slight advantage owing to the excellent play of our halves in the first half, the head-work of Sergeant Cocker being particularly noticeable.

The Essex team pressed at the commencement of the second half, but owing to the excellent kicking of the two backs, Corporal Wilkins and Sergeant Hardman, they were prevented from scoring.

Regimental Sergeant-Major Sandy then made several fine runs down the right wing, but we failed to score.

Just before time a free kick was given against the Essex Regiment about ten yards outside the penalty area, and Corporal Wilkins scored with a very fine shot, thus winning the match and the Cup. The match was very even and might have gone either way up to the last moment.

Every man in the team played extraordinarily hard during these three matches, and great credit is due to Regimental Sergeant-Major Sandy for training them so well. The Team in the final was as follows :—Rifleman Gaywood, Corporal Wilkins, Sergeant Hardman, Corporal Hadley, Sergeant Cocker, Corporal Norton, Regimental Sergeant-Major Sandy, Act.-Corporal Kyne, Act.-Corporal Packer, Sergeant Isherwood and Bandsman Holmes.

The Company League proved very interesting in spite of "D" Company having several Battalion players and winning the League fairly comfortably.

Headquarters Wing were entered for the "Everett Cup," open to Regiments which were stationed in Salonica during the Great War. After a series of victories they were defeated by the R.A. Survey Company by 3-1. This was the finish of competition football during our stay in Turkey.

Arriving back at Aldershot in September, training for football was out of the question, as when the Battalion returned from leave on 6 October, the season had already begun. In the Hants Senior Cup we were easy victims of Thornycrofts at 5-1, in the second round of the Army Cup we were disposed of by the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment by 3-1. In the Russell-Cotes Cup we were defeated in the second round by the R.A.M.C. 4-1, after beating the Aldershot Institute Albion in the first round 6-0, in which match Act.-Corporal Kyne played remarkably well. In the Aldershot Senior Cup we easily defeated the 1st Battalion The Grenadier Guards 5-0, and we show great promise of having a good team for the season.

We are now carrying on the Military League here. The Company League and Keppel Cup will take place in the New Year.

Christmas Day provided good sport in the six-a-side tournament among those who were less fortunate in not going on leave. "A" Company defeated "D" Company in the final by 12 points to 3.

The players of note during the year were Corporal Wilkins, who was the hero of the Cup Final, Corporal Norton, and Act.-Corporal Packer.

THE DEPOT

THIS year a change was made from the Divisional League to the Southampton Senior League. The Depot team finished third in this Competition.

Our Thursday team won the Winchester Thursday League Cup.

2nd BATTALION.



CUPS WON IN TURKEY, 1923.

N.A.A.F.C. Cup
Athletic Meeting,
Chanak

Armistice Cup
(Football),
Constantinople

Y.M.C.A.
Cross Country Cup,
Chanak

Only two matches were lost throughout the whole competition by this team.

In the Hants Junior Cup, we survived until the fifth round, when we were defeated by Lymington, who were the ultimate winners of the Cup. Rather bad fortune followed us in this match. Had it not been for an exceptional display by their custodian, we might have told a different story.

In the Army Cup we were drawn away at Wareham against the Tank Corps, and they won a good game by two goals to nil.

A. Sergeant Fry headed the list of goal scorers, having a bag of fifty to his credit for the season.

Bugler Crump played in every match throughout the season.

League.	Position in League.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.		Pts.
						For.	Agst.	
Southampton Senior League	3rd	26	14	7	5	61	35	32
Winchester Thursday League	1st	12	9	2	1	57	16	19

CRICKET.

THE DEPOT

OWING to the reduction in the strength at the Depot, the Depot Cricket Team was not so successful as in previous years.

We played a large number of matches on the second ground at St. Cross, and had quite a fair record, winning more matches than we lost.

Tod and Skinner played regularly, and various other Officers when available.

C.S.M. Partridge was a great asset during the time that he was here.

GREENJACKET CRICKET, 1923.

BY MAJOR A. A. TOD.

BEFORE the season of 1923 began the prospects cannot be said to have appeared particularly rosy, in fact, there were several reasons why a successful year seemed improbable. In the first place both regiments had been reduced to two Battalions each, and all four battalions remaining were stationed out of England. This meant that the difficulty of getting teams might prove considerable and, in any case, the Battalions, nominally on home service, though out of England, contained some of our leading cricketers, who would only become available if they happened to

come home on leave. As events turned out, however, all our gloomy forebodings proved to be without foundation and the Green-jackets enjoyed the most successful season they have had for many years. The results were: Matches played, 19; won, 8; lost, 1; tie, 1; drawn, 9. These results do not include two matches played against the Rhine Army by a team of Greenjackets which journeyed to Cologne.

The fact that only one match was lost is remarkable, because the teams played were not unusually weak and quite up to the average of previous years. Some good performances were accomplished, notably against the Harrow Wanderers, when we made 245 for 4 wickets in the last innings in just under two hours and won an unexpected victory, Moore Gwyn scoring 135 not out in about eighty minutes.

When the wickets became fast it was inevitable that a good many games should be drawn, but in most cases the game stood in our favour and only against the Incogniti and Aldershot Command did we appear to be in danger of defeat. The tie match, played at Bemerton, Salisbury, against the South Wilts Club, was remarkable for the fact that in the last innings we had two to win when the seventh wicket fell; one run was scored, and then our last three wickets fell at the same total.

The season opened with a match against the Household Brigade at the Oval. We won by six wickets, but only after a race against the clock in the last innings. The Guardsmen, after a bad start, made a wonderful recovery, chiefly owing to a magnificent innings of 200 played by Major Loyd, but we had too long a lead in the first innings, and were only set 120 odd to win. This match was followed by three easy victories against The Trojans, Royal Military College, and Old Wykehamists, who only had moderate teams. The following game v. R.A.F. at Netheravon, was our only defeat. We had a weak side and threw away our chances by allowing the airmen to make a good score in their first innings when we had got rid of the earlier batsmen cheaply.

We beat the Royal Military College Staff comfortably; in this match Colonel Darell performed the "hat trick" and eventually took 5 wickets for 8 runs. Against the Aldershot Command and Incogniti we had the worst of the games, but in both cases managed to draw the match, though there can be no question that our position at the end of the games was unfavourable.

A new match on the card was that against the Flamingoes, a team from Holland, strengthened by the inclusion of Colonel A. C. Johnston and H. C. McDonell. The result was a draw, mainly owing to the steady play of Colonel Johnston in each innings. This batsman proved rather a thorn in the sides of the Green-jackets. He played four innings against us, and scored nearly 300 runs. We beat Winchester College pretty easily, which was surprising after the good form shown in their other matches. They

could make little of Gore's bowling. The Greenjacket Week was on the whole a success—the weather was good, which ensured the social side being appreciated, and from the cricket point of view we beat I Zingari and had a good deal of the best of the game against the Free Foresters, who had a good side. The Regiment beat the 60th easily after a level first innings. The scores of the week are given and are remarkable for Foljambe's brilliant batting. At times the pace at which he scored was extraordinary. Following the Greenjacket Week we had another week's cricket against the Hampshire Hogs, Harrow Wanderers and Royal Air Force. In the first match we were robbed of a certain victory, having only 30 odd runs to make, but unfortunately time was up and it was not worth starting the fourth innings. In this match Eastwood and Ferrand made 161 for the first wicket, surely one of the longest first wicket partnerships ever recorded for the Greenjackets. The match against the Harrow Wanderers ended in a brilliant victory against a good side, and has been mentioned in a previous part of this letter. Naturally, we were very anxious to avenge our defeat earlier in the year by the R.A.F. We had a good side and seemed in a fair way to retrieve our previous reverse, when the rain came on and stopped play; each side had completed an innings, giving us a lead of 186 runs.

The final match was that already mentioned in which the result was a tie. Our side was weak owing to the Public Schools' Camp taking some of the players, so perhaps we should be satisfied by the result. All the same we had a good chance of winning. So ended a most successful season, and with our 2nd Battalion at home, we hope to do even better in 1924.

GREENJACKET WEEK, 1923.

1ST MATCH.

GREENJACKETS v. FREE FORESTERS. 16 and 17 July, 1923.

Match drawn.

FREE FORESTERS

<i>1st Innings.</i>		<i>2nd Innings.</i>	
Lt.-Col. A. C. Johnston, ct. Tod,			
b. Gore	73	st. Williams, b. Sloggett	64
Capt. H. de Burgh, b. Gore	8	b. Tod	49
R. J. Bardsley, b. Gore	0	b. Wilson	8
F. G. Travers, ct. and b. Sloggett .	50	ct. Moore Gwyn, b. Gore	16
A. E. L. Hill, ct. Moore Gwyn, b.			
Sloggett	5	lbw. b. Tod	27
C. S. Round, ct. Bonham Carter, b.			
Sloggett	4	not out	0
Capt. T. G. Mayhew, b. Foljambe .	15		
Hon. A. Shirley, b. Gore	21		
Lt.-Col. F. Maitland, b. Wilson .	29		
D. M. Ritchie, b. Wilson	7		
W. G. Druce, not out	2		
Extras	20		
	<u>234</u>		<u>19</u>
			<u>183</u>

GREENJACKETS.

1st Innings.

Capt. E. S. B. Williams, b. Mayhew	19
Capt. Sir R. Gull, b. Round	5
Capt. E. W. S. Foljambe, ct. Shirley,	
b. Bardsley	167
Capt. H. S. Altham, b. Ritchie	27
Capt. H. G. Moore Gwyn, ct. Druce,	
b. Ritchie	4
Lt.-Col. C. Shawe, st. Druce, b. Round	40
Lt.-Col. A. S. H. Sloggett, ct. Hill,	
b. Bardsley	70
Maj. A. A. Tod, b. Ritchie	34
Capt. E. R. Wilson, ct. Druce, b.	
Ritchie	0
Maj. A. Bonham Carter, not out	11
A. C. Gore, not out	13
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Innings declared.

2ND MATCH.

RIFLE BRIGADE *v.* KINGS ROYAL RIFLE CORPS,
18 and 19 July 1923

Rifle Brigade won by 171 Runs.

RIFLE BRIGADE.

1st Innings.

Capt. E. S. B. Williams, ct. T. N.	
Wilson, b. Bower	19
Maj. T. R. Eastwood, lbw. b. G. S.	
Wilson	38
Capt. H. G. Moore Gwyn, ct. J. N.	
Wilson, b. Bower	42
Lt.-Col. C. Shawe, b. C. J. Wilson	12
Lt.-Col. A. S. H. Sloggett, b. C. J.	
Wilson	9
Maj. A. A. Tod, st. Bonham Carter,	
b. C. J. Wilson	38
J. G. Newton, b. Bower	5
A. C. Gore, lbw. b. Bower	7
Maj. R. O. Bridgeman, ct. B. Carter,	
b. C. J. Wilson	8
Lord Plunket, b. Bower	1
J. Gordon Duff, not out	0
Extras	3

2nd Innings.

ct. J. N. Wilson, b. Bower	53
ct. Bonham Carter, b.	
Curling	60
ct. C. J. Wilson, b. Bower	2
not out	123
b. Trench	8
not out	18

Innings declared.

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KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Maj. S. H. Ferrand, b. Gore . . .	4	b. Plunket	12
Col. Commdt. G. V. Hordern, b. Gore . . .	8	b. Gore	0
Capt. J. N. F. Wilson, ct. Moore Gwyn, b. Gore	2	ct. Newton, b. Plunket . . .	4
D. O. Trench, b. Tod	34	ct. Eastwood, b. Sloggett . .	2
C. J. Wilson, b. Tod	17	l.b.w. b. Shawe	49
Col. B. J. Curling, b. Gore	38	b. Gore	3
Capt. G. W. Horton, b. Tod	18	b. Gore	2
Maj. A. Bonham Carter, not out	22	ct. Gore, b. Shawe	39
Capt. H. W. Butler, c. and b. Tod . . .	4	ct. Shawe, b. Plunket . . .	4
Col. A. I. Paine, b. Tod	0	c. and b. Tod	0
P. G. Bower, st. Williams, b. Sloggett	13	not out	8
Extras	5	Extras	6
	<u>165</u>		<u>129</u>

3RD MATCH.

GREENJACKETS v. I ZINGARI, 20 and 21 July, 1923.

Greenjackets won by an Innings and 68 Runs.

I ZINGARI.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Capt. H. de Burgh, R.N., b. Gore . . .	25	c. and b. Gore	13
Major C. W. Turner, ct. Wilson, b. Gore	11	ct. E. R. Wilson, b. Gore	0
J. P. Dewhurst, ct. Butler, b. Foljambe	64	st. Bonham Carter, b. E. R. Wilson	13
F. H. Hancock, b. Gore	2	not out	31
M. T. Turner, b. Gore	2	ct. Foljambe, b. Gore	0
J. C. F. Simpson, run out	1	b. Gore	4
Lt.-Col. F. Maitland, ct. Bonham Carter, b. Gore	1	c. and b. E. R. Wilson . . .	3
Maj. R. O. Bridgeman, ct. Wilson, b. Gore	18	b. E. R. Wilson	0
Maj. Hon. J. Tufton, b. Foljambe . . .	12	b. E. R. Wilson	0
H. C. M'Donell, not out	14	b. Gore	8
Hon. A. Shirley, ct. Foljambe, b. Tod	8	b. E. R. Wilson	6
Extras	36	Extras	1
	<u>194</u>		<u>79</u>

GREENJACKETS.

Capt. M. E. Buller, ct. Tufton, b.	
McDonell	50
Maj. A. Bonham Carter, b. McDonell	1
Capt. H. S. Altham, ct. Tufton, b.	
Hancock	24
Capt. E. W. S. Foljambe, b. Hancock	131
Capt. H. G. Moore Gwyn, ct. sub.,	
b. Dewhurst	34
C. J. Wilson, ct. de Burgh, b. Mait-	
land	6
Lt.-Col. A. S. H. Sloggett, l.b.w., b.	
Simpson	25
Lt.-Col. C. Shawe, ct. Shirley, b. Dew-	
hurst	14
Capt. E. R. Wilson, ct. de Burgh, b.	
Hancock	22
Maj. A. A. Tod, not out	2
A. C. Gore, ct. Shirley, b. Dewhurst	0
Extras	32
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GOLF, 1923.

On 18 November 1923 at Cove Common, Farnborough, under the Captaincy of Brand, a side representing members of the Rifle Brigade Club played Aldershot Command Golf Club, and won by 9 matches to 7.

The game was played on a bitterly cold day and many of those who drove down from London started to play in a more or less frozen state. Owing to the fact that the Editor was personally engaged in the match, no detailed and unbiased account of the different games is obtainable, except in the case of his own, which was full of incident, but strange to say, and although it seems inconceivable, appears to be of no interest to other golfers. Two of the chief features of the day were the victory by 8 and 7 of Fairfax-Ross, whose progress in the golfing world we shall watch with great interest, and the arrival of Price by car from London in 53 minutes. Davison is stated to have been off his drive and not to have driven over 300 yards all day.

The results of the various matches were as follows :—

MATCH PLAYED AT COVE COMMON.

18 November 1923.

RIFLE BRIGADE.		ALDERSHOT COMMAND GOLF CLUB.	
Col. Hon. R. Brand . . .	—	Lieut. Phillips . . .	2 and 1
Major W. H. P. Swaine . .	—	Major M. C. Morgan . .	1 up
Major-General Sir J. T. Burnett Stuart . . .	—	Colonel W. M. St. G. Kirke . . .	2 and 1
Lieut. A. C. Gore . . .	3 and 2	Capt. Bather . . .	—
Capt. J. A. Davison . . .	3 and 2	Capt. Young . . .	—
Major W. H. S. Alston . .	—	Major G. C. Bucknall . .	2 and 1
Lieut. R. V. Toynbee . .	4 and 3	Capt. Mears . . .	—
Lieut. W. S. P. Curtis . .	—	Lieut. A. Fairbrother . .	1 up
Capt. C. Norbury . . .	—	Lieut. H. C. B. Ellis . .	2 up
Lieut. M. F. Buller . . .	4 and 3	Major Banttler . . .	—
Lt.-Col. M. Bell . . .	—	Lt.-Col. S. Boylan-Smith .	1 up
Lieut. G. Rivière . . .	7 and 5	Lt. S. F. W. M. Delcourt .	—
Lt.-Col. Hon. N. Bligh . .	6 and 5	Lt.-Col. Edwards . . .	—
Capt. Fairfax Ross . . .	8 and 7	Lieut. Denton . . .	—
Capt. H. R. Price . . .	2 up	Lieut. Sawyer . . .	—
Major H. G. Parkyn . . .	1 up	Capt. A. L. Collier . . .	—
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9 matches		7 matches	

FOURSOMES.

RIFLE BRIGADE.		ALDERSHOT COMMAND GOLF CLUB.	
Swaine and Toynbee . . .	—	Morgan and Bather . . .	4 and 3
Burnett-Stuart and Alston .	$\frac{1}{2}$	Kirke and Phillips . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$
Gore and Davison . . .	5 and 3	Young and Ellis . . .	—
Curtis and Fairfax Ross . .	4 and 3	Fairbrother and Denton .	—
Brand and Bell . . .	—	Bucknall and Delcourt . .	5 and 3
Bligh and Rivière . . .	2 up	Edwards and Sawyer . . .	—
Norbury and Price . . .	—	Mears and Banttler . . .	1 up
Buller and Parkyn . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	Boylan-Smith and Collier .	$\frac{1}{2}$
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BOXING, 1923.

1ST BATTALION.

DURING 1923, we have not had much opportunity of entering for Tournaments outside the Battalion, but, since we have moved to Peshawar, it is hoped that there will be several tournaments in this district next year. The boxing in the Battalion is steadily improving, but there is a great shortage of the three Top Weights.

In February the Battalion Team represented the Allahabad Brigade Area in the Eastern Command Team Tournament, which was held at Meerut. The team was not at full strength as we had

no Heavy or Light-heavy Weights, and Rifleman Dukes was unable to box owing to illness. Sergeant Jones and Rifleman Hart, after starting well, injured themselves, and both had to retire during fights. Rifleman Kent and Act.-Corporal Sellar were two of the best boxers in the Tournament, and both reached the final of the Welters, Rifleman Kent proving the winner of a fairly even fight. The remainder of our team lost their first fights.

In September, the 2nd Battalion Leicestershire Regiment held a Tournament at Jhansi, which was open to all India. Each regiment was allowed to enter two teams and there was an individual prize for each weight. We entered a team composed of:—

Heavy Weight—Rifleman Brown, "I" Company.

Light-heavy Weight—Sergeant Cain, "B" Company.

Middle Weight—Rifleman James, Headquarters Company.

Welter Weight—Rifleman Kent, "C" Company.

Light Weight—Rifleman Lewis, "I" Company.

Feather Weight—Rifleman Dukes, "B" Company.

Bantam Weight—Act.-Corporal Currie, "C" Company.

Fly Weight—Rifleman Watkins, "I" Company.

and in addition we sent Act.-Corporal Sellar, "B" Company, Act.-Corporal Coley, "A" Company, and Bandsman Smith, Headquarters Company, as individual entries. Sergeant Jones, "B" Company, was unable to box as he was undergoing treatment for a dog bite at Kasauli.

Rifleman Kent boxed very well and won his weight; Rifleman Dukes seemed certain to win his, but was disqualified in the fourth round for holding, a decision which amazed the spectators. The remainder put up some very good fights, but did not get further than the second round.

In the middle of October, the Boxing Tournament was held for the Boxing Shield, which was won by "C" Company, after a close fight with "B." Last year's winners were not allowed to compete, but they scored the same number of points for their company as the winner of their weight. Special contests were arranged for them against some men from the Queen's and the Cheshire Regiment, all of which we won. There were eighty-three entries, and the winners of the weights were as follows:—

Heavy Weight—Rifleman Brown, "I" Company.

Middle Weight—Rifleman Wilmott, "A" Company.

Welter Weight—Rifleman Gray, "C" Company.

Light Weight—Rifleman Lewis, "I" Company.

Feather Weight—Act.-Corporal Coley, "A" Company.

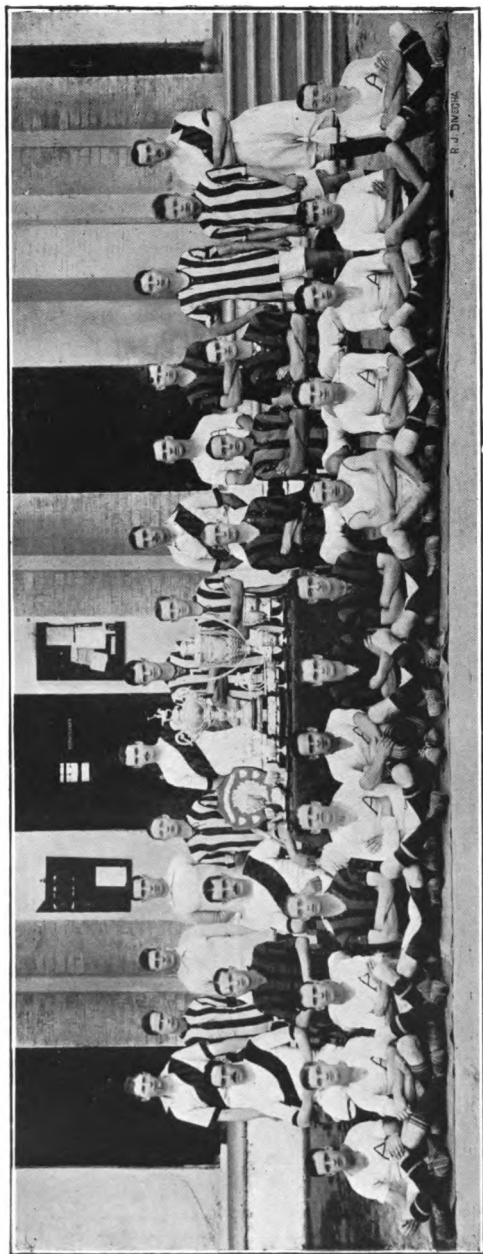
Bantam Weight—Bandsman Smith, Headquarters Company.

Fly Weight—Rifleman Relf, Headquarters Company.

The prizes for the best boxer and best loser were won by Act.-Corporal Sellar, "A" Company, and Act.-Corporal Tilley respectively. There were some very keen fights and the standard was fairly good.

We are now preparing for the District and Command Boxing

1st BATTALION.



POLO, FOOTBALL AND BOXING TROPHIES, 1921-1922.

Tournaments, which are held early next year, and in which we hope to record some successes.

SPORTS, 1923.

2ND BATTALION.

ON 7 April the Battalion held an Athletic meeting on the Battalion Soccer Ground near the Nightingale Hospital, Chanak, for the purpose of selecting a team to compete in the Dardanelles Inter-Service Sports Championship.

The meeting proved very successful and some good talent was found to form a representative team. The meeting was run under the Divisional Championship Rules and Headquarter Wing No. 1 Team secured the Championship with the large aggregate of 61 points.

A good team was selected for the Inter-Services meeting, which was held on 21 April. Heats for the events took place on 19 and 20 April. We were represented in each final with the exception of the Tug-o'-War. In the individual events the Battalion did not excel themselves at all, in the majority of cases finishing 4th. Regimental Sergeant-Major Sandy won the 100 yards in 10½ seconds, and was third in the Long Jump, and Rifleman Livett ran very well and obtained second place in the obstacles over a very hard course. The Battalion chiefly concentrated upon the two relay races as we had great hopes of winning these two events. We won both, and this secured the aggregate championship Cup which twenty-two units competed. Battalion 41 points, 1st; R.C.O.S. 32 points, 2nd; 1st K.O.S.B. 31 points, 3rd. The Relay Team consisted of Lieutenant A. C. Gore, Regimental Sergeant-Major A. V. Sandy, M.C., D.C.M., Sergeant A. Goodey, Act.-Corporal T. Stonnell, Bandsman R. Manning. Regimental Sergeant-Major Sandy was largely instrumental in winning the Cup. The Battalion sent up a team to Constantinople to compete in the Guards' Brigade Open Relay on 4 June 1923. After a good race, the Battalion obtained second place to the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders. On June 16 the British Forces in Turkey held the finals of the Championship at Moda, Constantinople. The heats were run off on the 15th. At the meeting Act.-Corporal Stonnell ran very well in the quarter mile, winning by three yards in 53 seconds. Regimental Sergeant-Major Sandy secured second place in the 100 and 220 yards, and the Battalion team was third in the Mile Relay.

This was the last of the athletic meetings during the Battalion's stay in Turkey.

Great plans were drawn up for a meeting on the Regimental Birthday. To the surprise of every one the Battalion embarked on this day, and many declared that this was the most popular meeting which has been known for many years.

STATEMENT SHOWING INCREASE AND DECREASE OF THE REGIMENT DURING THE YEAR 1923.

Total effective strength (excluding Officers) on 1 January 1923 1,888

Recruits joined	..	..	..	..	..	..	90
Joined from Desertion	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Transfers from other Corps	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
From Territorial Army Permanent Staff	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
From Supernumary Strength	11
Total Increase							117
Died	6
Discharged :—							
After 21 years	8
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On completion of engagement	56
Invalids	18
Free by Indulgence	3
Not likely to become efficient	18
Services no longer required	..	..	..	..	..	..	111
Misconduct	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
							228
Deserters	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
To Army Reserve	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Transfers to other Corps	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
To Territorial Army Permanent Staff	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
To Supernumary Strength	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Total Decrease							292
Net Decrease							175
Total effective strength (excluding Officers) on 1 January 1924							1,713

REGIMENTAL STATE.
1 January 1924.

Unit	Station	Officers	W.O.s	S. Sergts. and Sergts.	Cpls.	Buglers	Riflemen	Total
1st	Peshawar	29	9	43	41	13	945	1,080
2nd	Aldershot	38	10	29	42	16	443	578
Depot	Winchester	10	4	8	12	3	95	132
		77	23	80	95	32	1,483	1,790

EXTRACT FROM ARMY LIST, DECEMBER, 1923.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE (PRINCE CONSORT'S OWN).

Rifle Depot

Winchester.

"Copenhagen," "Monte Video," "Rolicca," "Vimiera," "Corunna," "Busaco," "Barrosa," "Fuentes d'Onor,"
 "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Salamanca," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Orthes,"
 "Toulouse," "Peninsula," "Waterloo," "South Africa, 1846-7, 1851-2-3," "Alma," "Inkerman,"
 "Sevastopol," "Lucknow," "Ashantee, 1873-4," "All Masjid," "Afghanistan, 1878-9," "Burma, 1885-87,"
 "Khartoum," "Defence of Ladysmith," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1899-1902."

Agents—Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Messrs. Cox & Co.'s Branch.

Regimental Journal—"The Rifle Brigade Chronicle," 71 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.

Regular and Militia Battalions.

Uniform—Green. Facings—Black.

1st Bn. (Rifle Brigade)	.. .. .Peshawar.	5th Bn. (Q.O.R. Tower Hamlets Mil.)	.. Winchester.
2nd "	.. .. .Aldershot	6th "	.. Winchester.
" "	Depot and Record Office	" "	Winchester.

Colonel-in-Chief.

Field-Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and
 Strathearn, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., G.C.S.I.,
 G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., Col. Gren.
 Gds. and R.A.S.C., and Col.-in-Chief H.L.L., and
 R.A.M.C., Personal A.D.C. to the King.
 29 May 80

{Colonels Commandant.}

Wilson, Lt.-Gen. Sir Henry F. M., K.C.B.,
 K.C.M.G., ret. pay 2nd Bn. 17 June 21
 Couper, Maj.-Gen. Sir Victor A., K.C.B.,
 ret. pay 12 June 21
 U.C. Congreve, Gen. Sir Walter N.,
 K.C.B., M.V.O. 1st Bn. 17 June 21

Officer Commanding Rifle Depot .. Salmon, Col. G. N., C.M.G., D.S.O. .. 27 Oct. 22

1st and 2nd
Battalions.
(Regular.)

Lt.-Colonels.(2).

2 Buxton, J. L.,
 C.M.G., D.S.O.
 (S.C.) 3 June 23
 1 Jan 18
 1 Powell, E. B.,
 D.S.O., p.s.c.
 15 June 23

Majors (8).

1 Burnell-Nugent,
 F. H., D.S.O.,
 O.B.E. 1 Sept. 15
 bt. lt.-col. 8 June 16
 (1) m.c. Wilson, H. M.,
 D.S.O., p.s.c.s.
 1 Sept. 15
 1 Jan. 19
 (2) s. Follett, R. S.,
 D.S.O., p.s.c.
 1 Sept. 15
 bt. lt.-col. 3 June 19
 1 Prescott-Westcar,
 W. V. L., D.S.O.
 8 Jan. 16
 2 Crosbie, J. P. G.,
 D.S.O. 18 May 16
 bt. lt.-col. 3 June 19
 d. 2 Tod, A. A. 18 May 16
 (3) s. Bernard, D. J. C.
 K., C.M.G.,
 D.S.O., p.s.c.
 22 Oct. 17
 bt. col. 1 Jan. 23
 2 Downes, O. C.,
 D.S.O., M.C.
 (S.C.) 22 Oct. 17

Captains (14).

2 Riley, H. L.,
 D.S.O., O.B.E.
 bt. maj. 3 June 16
 d. 2 Moore-Gwyn, H.
 G., D.S.O.,
 M.C. (s.c.) 5 Aug. 14
 (4) s. Fellowes, Hon.
 R. T., D.S.O.,
 M.C., p.s.c. 5 Aug. 14
 bt. maj. 3 June 18
 (5) s. Eastwood, T. R.,
 D.S.O., M.C.,
 p.s.c. 30 Dec. 14
 bt. maj. 1 Jan. 13
 (6) t. Collins, R. L. H.,
 27 Feb. 15
 2 Bridgeman, R. O.,
 15 Feb. 17
 27 Feb. 15
 (d) Reeve, J. T. W.,
 D.S.O. 15 Mar. 15
 (7) t. Campbell, H. F.,
 16 Mar. 15
 bt. maj. 1 Jan. 19
 (8) s. Alston, W. H. S.,
 M.C. p.s.c.
 30 Apr. 15
 bt.-maj. 3 June 19
 1 Prideaux-Brune,
 D.E., D.S.O.
 10 May 15
 bt. maj. 3 June 16
 (9) Williams, E. S.,
 B. (s.c.) 15 June 15
 (10) Stopford, M. G.,
 N., M.C. (s.c.),
 s.c.s. 5 July 15

Captains—contd.

(11) t. Graham, O. B.,
 D.S.O. 15 Sept. 15
 1 Hodson, Sir Ed-
 mond A., Bt.,
 D.S.O. 23 July 16
 d. 1 Baird, R. D.,
 M.C. 1 Jan. 17
 2 Hoskyns, C. B.,
 1 Jan. 17
 (12) t. Marshall, F. H.,
 J., O.B.E. 1 Jan. 17
 (13) s. Massy-Beresford,
 T. H., M.C. 11 Feb. 17
 2 Fairfax-Ross, T.,
 M.C., adjt. 11 Feb. 17
 (14) s. Wübraham, E. J.,
 M.C. 16 Mar. 17
 1 Douglas, A. S. G.,
 O.B.E. 16 Mar. 17
 2 Birkbeck, R. J.,
 V., M.C. 23 Mar. 17
 2 Hubble, H., M.C.
 31 July 17
 1 Norcott, H. B.,
 22 Aug. 17
 1 Edwardes, R.,
 9 Mar. 21
 1 Bosville, T. J. B.,
 M.C. 24 Mar. 21
 2 Hill, F. T. 1 Apr. 21
 2 Bridgeman, R.,
 C., M.C. 1 Apr. 21
 2 Curtis, A. H.,
 M.C., D.C.M.
 4 Apr. 21
 (15) s. Davison, J. A.,
 M.C. 14 May 21
 1 Warren, C. P.,
 M.C. 22 June 21

Captains—contd.

1 Cave, F. O., M.C.
 28 Sept. 21
 (16) t. Knollys, V.C.
 11 Feb. 22
 Subalterns (35).
 Lieutenants.
 1 Harvey, N. R.
 1 July 17
 2 Guthrie, D. N.
 1 July 17
 (17) c.o. Renton, J. M.,
 L.
 7 Oct. 17
 d. Coghill, H. 16 Feb. 18
 2 Carille, W. J.,
 M.C., M.M. 4 July 18
 1 Fulford, F. E. A.
 1 Nov. 18
 (18) t. Fry, E. W. L.
 22 Feb. 19
 1 Brierley, H., M.C.,
 Adjt. 25 Feb. 19
 1 Allan, A. W.
 21 June 19
 2 Gordon-Duff, J.
 B. 21 June 19
 (19) s. Fyers, Fitz R. H.
 21 June 19
 1 Garnett, J. C.
 21 June 19
 2 Blockley, N. R.
 12 Sept. 19
 1 Macgeorge, R. A.
 24 Oct. 19
 1 Knowles, C. 24 Oct. 19
 2 Cosby, E. A. S.
 24 Oct. 19
 2 Plunket, The Lord
 24 Oct. 19

<i>Lieutenants—contd.</i>		<i>Lieutenants—contd.</i>		<i>Adjutants (2).</i>		<i>Captains.</i>	
2 Newton, J. G.	21 Feb. 20	(22) c.o. <i>Lytton</i> , Hon.	N. A. S. 17 Dec. 21	2 Fairfax-Ross, T.,	M.C., Capt. 4 Apr. 21	Parkyn, H. G.,	O.B.E. (Q) (H)
2 Curtis, W. P. S.	21 Feb. 20	2 McGaw, A. J.	T. 17 Dec. 21	1 Brierley, H., M.C.	8 July 23		1 Jan. 08
2 des Graz, E. P. A.	21 Feb. 20	2 Holroyd, C. I. P.	17 Dec. 21	<i>Quarter-Masters (3).</i>		<i>bt. maj.</i>	1 Jan. 19
1 Gwynne, D. R. H.	21 Feb. 20	2 Gore, A. C. 17 Dec. 21		Eastmead, L.,	28 May 10	X <i>Lascelles</i> ,	
1 Taylor, J. A.,	29 Feb. 20	2 Purdon, D. J.	16 July 22	M.C.	1 Apr. 20	Hon. E. C.,	
1 Turner, V. B.	20 Dec. 20	1 Hicks, K. B.	16 July 22	<i>maj.</i>	25 Sept. 12	D.S.O., M.C.,	
1 Shepherd-Cross,	20 Dec. 20	2 Perceval-Maxwell,	16 July 22	<i>D.C.M.</i>	3 June 19	<i>late Lt.</i>	29 Dec. 14
T. R.	20 Dec. 20	E. N.	16 July 22	<i>maj.</i>	9 Aug. 13	Brig.	1 Jan. 19
1 Poole, R. D. D.	20 Dec. 20	2 Brush, E. J. A.	16 July 22	1 Ayers, A. E.	1 July 16	X <i>bt. maj.</i>	Campbell,
(20) s. <i>Hunt</i> , G. H.	20 Dec. 20	H.	14 July 23	O.B.E.		G. V., M.C.	28 July 15
2 Brooksbank, W.	20 Dec. 20	(23) c.o. <i>Buckley</i> , E. G.	14 July 23				
E. C.	20 Dec. 20	2 Tothill, F. C. D.	14 July 23	<i>capt.</i>			
(21) c.o. <i>Rogers</i> , E. E.	20 Dec. 20						
1 Starkey, W. R.	16 July 21	<i>2nd Lieutenants.</i>		<i>5th Battalion (Militia)</i>		<i>6th Battalion (Militia)</i>	
2 Rathbone, L. M.	16 July 21	2 Festing, F. W.	23 Dec. 21	<i>Hon. Colonel.</i>		<i>Lt.-Colonel.</i>	
2 Hopkinson, H. S.	16 July 21	2 Treneer-Michell,	23 Dec. 21	X <i>Lyttelton</i> , Rt.		X Bell, M. G.	
2 Hamilton-Russell,	16 July 21	F. D.	23 Dec. 21	Hon. Sir Neville		E., O.B.E.,	
A. G. L.	16 July 21	1 Richardson, F.	31 Aug. 22	G., G.C.B.,		Capt. ret. pay	11 Nov. 17
1 Rushbrooke, J.	16 July 21	1 Verney, U. O. V.	31 Aug. 22	G.C.V.O., Gen.-		<i>Major.</i>	
C. S.	16 July 21	2 Paley, A. G. V.	1 Feb. 23	ret. pay [R]	11 Aug. 14	X <i>Thornton</i> ,	
2 Tryote-Bullock,	16 July 21	2 Tryon, R. G. L.	1 Feb. 23	<i>Lt.-Colonel.</i>		L. H., C.M.G.,	
G. V.	16 July 21	2 Congreve, A. C.	30 Aug. 23	X de la Cha-		D.S.O., Capt.	
d. 2 King-Salter, E. J.	17 Dec. 21	J.		pelle, X. R. A.		ret. © (H) (Q)	
C.	17 Dec. 21			(Hon. Capt. in		(Empid. O.T.C.)	5 Aug. 14
d. 2 Clarke, E. N.	17 Dec. 21			Army) (Q) (H)	30 Apr. 18	<i>Captains.</i>	
				<i>Majors.</i>		X <i>Bowie-Evans</i> ,	
				X Blacker, F.		[H]	20 Nov. 14
				St. J., D.S.O.		X <i>Skegge</i> , R.	
				(q) (H) 30 Apr. 18		O., M.C.	1 Jan. 17
						X <i>Townshend</i> ,	
						F.C.	Jan. 1 17

ABBREVIATIONS.

d. Depot.

REFERENCE KEY.

MAJORS.

- (1) Company Commander R.M.C.
- (2) G.S.O. 2nd Grade. 50th Northumberland Division, T.A.
- (3) G.S.O. 1st Grade. 1st Division.

CAPTAINS.

- (4) G.S.O. 2nd Grade. War Office.
- (5) G.S.O. 3rd Grade. War Office.
- (6) Adjutant, 12th London Regt. (Rangers), T.A.
- (7) Adjutant, 1st Bn. Monmouthshire Regt., T.A.
- (8) G.S.O. 3rd Grade. War Office.
- (9) Company Officer R.M.C.
- (10) Student Staff College.
- (11) Adjutant 5th City of London Regt. (London Rifle Brigade), T.A.
- (12) Adjutant, 11th London Regt. (Flinsbury Rifles), T.A.

- (13) Assistant Military Sect., Southern Command.
- (14) A.D.C. Governor-General and C-in-C. Union of South Africa.
- (15) Staff-Capt. War Office.
- (16) Adjutant, 3rd Brecknockshire and Monmouthshire Bn., Monmouthshire Regt., T.A.

LIEUTENANTS.

- (17) D.A.A.G. Iraq Levies Headquarters.
- (18) Adjutant, 17th London Regt. (Poplar and Stepney Rifles).
- (19) A.D.C., G.O.C. in C., British Army of the Rhine.
- (20) D.A.C., G.O.C. 1st Division.
- (21) Serving with K.A.R.
- (22) Serving with K.A.R.
- (23) Regimental Officer Iraq Levies.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE.

Class I	
<i>Lt.-Colonels.</i>	
✕ Manningham-Buller, Sir Mervyn E., <i>Bt.</i>	3 Feb. 16
✕ Meade-Waldo, E. R., <i>D.S.O.</i>	4 Mar. 19
Shawe, C., <i>C.B.E.</i>	24 June 19
✕ Mostyn-Owen, R. A., <i>D.S.O. (Maj. Shrops. Yeo.)</i>	8 Aug. 19
✕ Prioleau, R. U. H., <i>M.C.</i>	10 Aug. 19
✕ Breckon, J., <i>D.S.O.</i>	12 Dec. 19
✕ Boscawen, Hon. M. T., <i>D.S.O., M.C.</i>	18 Jan. 20
✕ Ovey, D., <i>D.S.O.</i>	21 Jan. 20
✕ Davies, C. M., <i>D.S.O.</i>	27 Feb. 20
✕ Pleydell-Rallston, H. G. M., <i>D.S.O.</i>	11 June 20
✕ Richardson, H. S. C.	15 July 20
✕ Sutton-Nelthorpe, O., <i>D.S.O., M.C.</i>	22 Oct. 20
✕ Kewley, E. R., <i>D.S.O., M.C. (s.c.)</i>	22 Feb. 21
✕ Liddell, G. W., <i>D.S.O.</i>	9 Mar. 21
✕ Morgan-Grenville-Gavin, Hon. T. G. B., <i>D.S.O., M.C.</i>	15 Mar. 21
Sturges, H. R.	24 Mar. 21
✕ Sloggett, A. J. H., <i>D.S.O.</i>	5 May 21
✕ Verney, R., <i>C.I.E.</i>	18 June 21
✕ McGrigor, C. C., <i>O.B.E.</i>	6 Sept. 22
<i>Majors.</i>	
✕ Weld-Forester, Hon. E. A. C. (S.C.)	1 Sept. 15
✕ Baring, T. E., <i>O.B.E.</i>	1 Sept. 15
✕ Lane, G. E. W.	8 Jan. 16
Walpole, R. S. H.	4 Jan. 17
✕ Tennyson, Hon. L. H.	19 July 18
✕ Donaldson, E. P.	13 May 19
✕ Mansel, R. C.	25 May 19
✕ Kennedy-Cochran-Patrick, W. J. C., <i>D.S.O., M.C.</i>	9 July 19
✕ Cavendish, A. L. C.	24 Jan. 20
✕ Murray, S. W., <i>D.S.O., D.C.M.</i>	29 Jan. 20
✕ Alexander, M., <i>M.C. (s.c.)</i>	14 Apr. 21
✕ Chichester-Constable, R. C. J., <i>D.S.O., p.s.c. (Capt. & Adj. 26 (E. Rid.) Arm'd Car Co.)</i>	23 Aug 21
✕ Hardy, H. H., <i>M.B.E.</i>	15 Oct. 21
<i>Captains.</i>	
✕ Earle, G. F.	5 July 15
✕ Dunlop, G. R.	25 Oct. 15
✕ Tattam, T. A., <i>M.C.</i>	2 Mar. 16
✕ Sherston, G. W. M., <i>M.C. (s.c.)</i>	11 Feb. 17
✕ Temperley, C. E., <i>O.B.E., M.C.</i>	31 July 17
✕ Turing, R. A. H.	31 July 17
✕ Naumann, J. H.	31 July 17
✕ Holmes & Court, R. W. H.	18 June 19
✕ Layton, H. F., <i>M.C.</i>	3 Aug. 19
✕ Abbey, J. B.	8 Aug. 19
✕ Palk, R.	7 Dec. 19
✕ Gage, W.	1 Jan. 20
✕ Hoyle, C. N., <i>M.C.</i>	19 Jan. 20
✕ Kibbey, F. V., <i>M.C.</i>	24 June 20

✕ Billyard-Leake, C. R., <i>M.C. (late p.h.)</i>	15 Jan. 21
✕ Cairnes, D. S.	22 Jan. 21
✕ Berkeley, R. C., <i>M.C.</i>	13 Apr. 21
✕ Riddett, A. C., <i>D.C.M.</i>	21 Apr. 21
✕ West, J. M. (Capt. O.T.C.)	25 Aug. 21

<i>Lieutenants.</i>	
✕ Welsford, R. A. H.	9 May 17
✕ Evans-Freke, Hon. R.	1 July 17
✕ Read, J. A.	27 Sept. 17
✕ O'Brien, Hon. D. E. F.	7 Oct. 17
✕ Macgeorge, J. B.	7 Oct. 17
✕ Love, A. B.	14 June 18
✕ Brooker, F. J.	14 June 18
✕ Harvey, F. S.	19 June 18
✕ Bonnick, T. G., <i>M.M.</i>	15 July 18
✕ Jackson, W. J.	15 July 18
✕ Pincock, L., <i>M.M.</i>	24 Sept. 18
✕ Lund, J. E.	1 Nov. 18
King Harman, L. M.	1 Nov. 18
✕ Curtis, E. L.	27 Dec. 18
Lowden, P.	28 May 19
✕ Bell, V. J.	21 June 19
✕ Savill, J. A.	26 Dec. 19
✕ Douglas, D. S. W.	21 Feb. 20
✕ Hearn, W. H., <i>M.C., M.M.</i>	28 Dec. 20
✕ Abercrombie, H. M.	9 Mar. 21
✕ Hollowell, F.	21 Apr. 21
✕ McAllister, A.	1 July 21
✕ Brand, Hon. T. H.	17 Dec. 21

<i>2nd Lieutenants.</i>	
✕ Whiteman, C. F., <i>M.C., M.M.</i>	3 Dec. 17
✕ Martin, J. W.	27 Dec. 18
✕ Peacocke, M. H.	20 Dec. 18
✕ Leggett, H. E.	17 Jan. 22
✕ Cox, W. F. H.	23 Jan. 22

Class II	
<i>Lt.-Colonels.</i>	
✕ Biddulph, H. M., <i>p.s.c. [Lt. (late hp.)]</i>	16 Dec. 11
Patton-Bethune, D. E. B.	10 Nov. 14
✕ Henniker, The Lord	30 Dec. 14
✕ Liverpool, Rt. Hon. The Earl of, <i>G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., M.V.O. (Lt.-Col. ret. T.A.), t.a.</i>	28 Oct. 15
✕ Darell, H. F., <i>D.S.O.</i>	25 Nov. 17
✕ Ross, H. D., <i>O.B.E.</i>	1 Jan. 18
✕ Long, S. C., <i>p.s.c. (l)</i>	21 Aug. 18
✕ Thresher, J. H., <i>C.M.G., M.V.O.</i>	30 Apr. 19
✕ Cox, P. (G. A.), <i>D.S.O.</i>	19 Oct. 19
✕ Labouchere, F. A., <i>T.D. (Lt.-Col. ret. T.F.)</i>	4 Jan. 20
✕ Byrne, G. B., <i>O.B.E.</i>	13 Apr. 20
✕ Gathorne-Hardy, Hon. N. C., <i>D.S.O.</i>	23 Nov. 21

<i>Majors.</i>	
✕ Stephens, G. E. B. (Empld. Remt. Serv.)	28 Nov. 14
✕ Harman, A. R., <i>C.M.G., D.S.O. (Col. Terr. Armyp)</i>	1 Sept. 15
✕ Bernard, R. P. H. (Lt.-Col.)	4 Dec. 16
✕ Johnstone, H.	21 June 19

✕ Edwards, B. M. M., <i>M.C. (Maj. 108 Bde., R.F.A.)</i>	20 Jan. 21
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<i>Captains.</i>	
✕ Malone, J. E. M. H. L'E.	1 Oct. 04
✕ Trafford, S. W. J.	20 Sept. 13
✕ Austin, A. E., <i>O.B.E.</i>	27 June 16
Harrison, F.	1 Jan. 17
✕ Halloran, W.	1 Jan. 17
✕ Huyshe-Ellot, G. H.	11 Feb. 17
Parkman, T.	31 July 17
✕ Pumfrey, R.	21 Sept. 17
✕ Taylor, W. J.	3 Nov. 18
✕ Ries, H. N.	14 Sept. 19
✕ Monks, F. (late h.p.)	24 Dec. 19
✕ Collins, W. L. D.	22 Feb. 20
✕ Fowler, W.	11 Mar. 20
Chillman, C.	27 May 20
✕ Wheeler, V. J., <i>M.C.</i>	14 July 20
✕ Saunders, A. E., <i>D.C.M.</i>	22 Sept. 20
✕ Shaw, W. J., <i>M.C.</i>	14 Oct. 20
✕ Anderson, G. H. G., <i>D.S.O., M.C.</i>	23 Nov. 20
✕ Dadson, R. T., <i>O.B.E.</i>	3 Dec. 20
✕ Barnes, F.	12 Mar. 21
✕ Hopkins, K. H., <i>M.C.</i>	29 July 21
✕ Phillips, J. E. T., <i>M.C. f.o.</i>	8 Nov. 21

<i>Lieutenants.</i>	
✕ Robson G. A., <i>M.C.</i>	30 Aug. 16
✕ Buller, M. F.	7 Nov. 16
✕ Allison, T.	11 Feb. 17
✕ Roberts, J.	11 Feb. 17
Pilcher, D. H.	11 Feb. 17
✕ Bisshopp, D. W.	27 Mar. 17
✕ Cox, T.	1 July 17
✕ Wilkins, H., <i>D.C.M.</i>	9 Aug. 17
✕ Barker, C. W.	22 Sept. 17
✕ Widdis, G. R.	22 Sept. 17
✕ Birch, A. W. F. C., <i>M.C.</i>	7 Oct. 17
✕ Davis, J. H. T.	27 Nov. 17
✕ Priddon, G.	28 Dec. 17
✕ Cohen, H. W.	10 Jan. 18
✕ Hobbs, L.	30 Jan. 18
✕ Wright, F. W.	20 Feb. 18
✕ Barker, H. A.	27 Apr. 18
✕ Wandly, A., <i>D.C.M.</i>	15 Aug. 18
✕ Bridgman, W.	24 Sept. 18
✕ Churcher, H. J.	2 Oct. 18
✕ Harris, W. H., <i>M.C.</i>	27 Dec. 18
✕ Baker, G. W.	27 Dec. 18
✕ Pickering, E. F. S., <i>M.B.E.</i>	23 May 19
Ball, T. F.	28 May 19
✕ Smith, H. C.	30 July 19
Johnstone, C. A.	10 Aug. 19
✕ Dease, E. J.	12 Oct. 19
✕ Jackson, J. A. S.	24 Oct. 19
✕ Kersley, F. J.	8 Mar. 20
✕ Leckle, T. R.	5 Feb. 21

<i>2nd Lieutenants.</i>	
✕ Bosanquet, N. E. T.	14 Oct. 05
✕ Lovell, R. C.	28 Nov. 17
✕ Atterton, F.	12 Jan. 18
✕ Maziell, S.	12 Apr. 18
✕ Gladstone, M. E.	24 Apr. 18
✕ Noble, C. A.	30 Apr. 18
Willis, A. H.	25 June 18
✕ Webster, A. F. L.	5 Nov. 19
✕ Skinner, W. M. R.	20 Dec. 19
✕ Johnstone, B.	7 Jan. 20
✕ Thompson, B. S.	18 May 20
✕ Bloore, F. W.	2 June 20

OFFICERS WHO HAVE LEFT THE REGIMENT AND WERE STILL EMPLOYED, DECEMBER 1923

- General *Sir* W. N. Congreve, *V.C.*, *K.C.B.*, *M.V.O.*, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command.
- Major-General *Sir* J. T. Burnett-Stuart, *K.B.E.*, *C.B.*, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, *p.s.c.*, Director of Military Operations and Intelligence, War Office.
- Major-General *Sir* R. B. Stephens, *K.C.B.*, *C.M.G.*, *p.s.c.*, General Officer Commanding 4th Division.
- Colonel W. E. Davies, *C.M.G.*, *C.B.E.*, *D.S.O.*, *p.s.c.*, A.A.G. Southern Command.
- Colonel J. Harington, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, Inspector-General of the King's African Rifles.
- Colonel S. E. Hollond, *C.B.*, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, *p.s.c.*, Colonel Commandant 8th Infantry Brigade.
- Brevet Colonel W. W. Pitt-Taylor, *C.B.*, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, *p.s.c.*, Brigade-Commander 17th Indian Infantry Brigade.
- Colonel E. P. A. Riddell, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, Brigade-Commander 149th Northumberland Infantry Brigade.
- Colonel G. N. Salmon, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, Commanding Rifle Depot and Officer-in-Charge of Rifle Records.
- Colonel W. W. Seymour, *p.s.c.*, *G.S.O.*, 1st Grade, Northern Command.
- Colonel J. A. W. Spencer, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, *G.S.O.*, 1st Grade, War Office.
- Colonel the *Hon.* M. A. Wingfield, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, *G.S.O.*, 1st Grade, War Office.
- Lieut.-Colonel J. C. Duff, Recruiting Staff, Whitehall.
- Lieut.-Colonel L. H. Thornton, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, Commanding Cambridge University O.T.C.
- Major J. H. Alldridge, *M.C.*, *D.C.M.*, Retired Recruiting Officer, Oxford.
- Captain W. Halloran, Quartermaster 18th London Regiment (London Irish Rifles).
- Captain R. C. Hargreaves, *M.C.*, *A.D.C.* Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Union of South Africa.

OFFICERS WHO LEFT THE REGIMENT DURING 1923

COMPILED BY MAJOR THE HOBNLE. R. T. FELLOWES, D.S.O., M.C.

Brevet Major E. R. Kewley, *D.S.O.*, *M.C.*, retired.

Captain J. A. V. Duff, retired.

Brevet Major R. C. J. Chichester-Constable, *D.S.O.*, retired.

Major H. F. Somerville, *D.S.O.*, transferred to D.C.L.I.

Major A. J. H. Sloggett, *D.S.O.*, retired.

Captain G. C. Cooper, transferred to South Wales Borderers.

Captain G. R. Dunlop, transferred to R. Ulster Rifles.

Captain H. M. Ramsay-Fairfax-Lucy, *M.C.*, transferred to Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Lieutenant J. H. Norris, transferred to Cameronians.

Lieutenant H. W. Salter, *M.M.*, transferred to East Lancashire Regiment.

Lieutenant A. E. Salter, *M.C.*, transferred to York and Lancaster Regiment.

Lieutenant R. J. N. Solly, transferred to York and Lancaster Regiment.

2nd Lieutenant J. P. A. G. Graham, transferred to Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Lieutenant C. W. M. Noel-Hill, transferred to K.S.L.I.

Lieutenant G. F. Newman, transferred to Manchester Regiment.

Lieutenant R. H. Doyne, transferred to Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Lieut.-Colonel W. W. Seymour, promoted Colonel.

2nd Lieutenant R. S. Plowden, retired.

Captain H. C. Costobadie, *M.C.*, transferred to the Loyal Regiment.

Captain H. Wood, *M.C.*, transferred to the Manchester Regiment.

Lieutenant H. K. Short, transferred to the King's Liverpool Regiment.

Lieutenant R. D. Winsloe, transferred to the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Captain T. O. Jameson, transferred to the Prince of Wales's Volunteers.

Brevet Lieut.-Colonel G. M. Lindsay, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, transferred to the Royal Tank Corps.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Harington, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, retired on completion of command.

Brevet Colonel A. T. Paley, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, to Half Pay on completion of Command.

Captain W. E. Gray, *D.S.O.*, *M.C.*, transferred to Royal Tank Corps.

Brevet Lieut.-Colonel J. A. W. Spencer, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, promoted Colonel.

Lieutenant L. Cording, *M.C.*, to half pay.

Lieutenant R. R. S. Titchener, *M.C.*, transferred to Royal Tank Corps.

Promoted Colonel	2
Transferred	20
Retired and to half pay	8
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NOMINAL ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS SERVING ON 1 JANUARY, 1924.

1ST BATTALION.

6905136 Regt. Sergt.-Major
W. Cooper
6837414 Band-Mr. E. Bethell
6905179 Regt. Qmr.-Sergt. A.
Banyard
6905101 Qmr.-Sergt. (O.R.S.)
F. Evans
6905170 Coy. Sergt.-Major T.
Smy
6905166 Coy. Sergt.-Major A.
Lovell
6905317 Coy. Sergt.-Major H.
Joyce, M.M.
6905171 Coy. Sergt.-Major P.
Wollard
6905222 Coy. Sergt.-Major R.
Conoran

2ND BATTALION.

6905417 Regt. Sergt.-Major A
Sandy, D.C.M., M.C.
6905004 Band-Mr. S. Young.
6905159 Regt. Qmr.-Sergt. C.
Watkins
6905225 Qmr.-Sergt. (O.R.S.)
W. Aston
6905155 Coy. Sergt.-Major P.
Wood, M.M.
6905495 Coy. Sergt.-Major E.
Partridge
6905144 Coy. Sergt.-Major S.
Ings
6905112 Coy. Sergt.-Major T.
Sherwood
6905407 Coy. Sergt.-Major O.
Moore
6905180 Coy. Sergt.-Major.
(I.M.) F. Vaisey.

DEPOT.

6905242 Regt. Sergt.-Major W. Apsey, D.C.M.
6905349 Regt. Qmr.-Sergt. A. Reed.
6905158 Qmr.-Sergt. (O.R.S.) G. Holdstock.
6905226 Coy. Sergt.-Major J. Miller.

HONOURS AND AWARDS 1921-1923.

No. 6908998, Rifleman A. W. Partridge, awarded Medal of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of gallant conduct in the performance of Military duties.—*London Gazette*, 1 June 1921.

Lieut.-Colonel R. Verney, C.V.O., C.I.E., to be Commander of the Star of Roumania.—*London Gazette*, 29 September 1922.

Colonel W. E. Davies, C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Commander of the Order of the British Empire.—*London Gazette*, 1 January 1923.

Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel D. J. C. K. Bernard, C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Brevet-Colonel. 1 January 1923.

Captain and Bt.-Major H. L. Riley, D.S.O., to be Officer of the Order of the British Empire.—*London Gazette*, 1 January 1923.

Major-General J. T. Burnett-Stuart, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Knight of the Order of the British Empire.—*London Gazette*, 2 June 1923.

Major-General C. W. Robinson, C.B., to be Knight Companion of the Order of the Bath.—*London Gazette*, 2 June 1923.

RECORD OF SERVICE, 1923.

2ND BATTALION.

1 January.—Trench Mortar Section to Chardakly Camp to carry out training. A patrol of "C" Company arrested a Turk who was inspecting the front line wire, and proved to be carrying despatches.

3 January.—Signal communication scheme carried out with flanking ships of the Royal Navy.

4 January.—Spell of bad weather commenced. "B" Company relieved "C" Company at Chardakly.

9 January.—"D" Company relieved "A" Company at Cham Burnu.

12 January.—Orders received that the number of men in the forward posts might be reduced by 50 per cent. and that "stand to" would cease. Patrols at irregular intervals by day and night to be continued.

15 January.—"D" Company and Trench Mortar section returned to back area.

18 January.—The Battalion, less one company, was inspected in Nightingale Hospital by the Commander-in-Chief, B.F.T., Lieut.-General Sir C. H. Harrington, G.B.E., etc.

19 January.—"C" Company relieved "B" Company in forward sector. Very cold, some snow.

23 January.—A detachment of R.M.L.I. consisting of 1 officer and 37 other ranks from H.M.S. "Emperor of India" landed and were attached to "C" Company at Chardakly Camp for three days. They brought two maxims and two Lewis guns which were to be used to strengthen the defence in case of a sudden advance. Flanking ships exercised searchlights along our "front line" wire.

24 January.—Combined exercises with the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. All ships in their battle positions and all headquarters in their battle headquarters.

1 February.—"A" Company relieved "C" Company in the forward sector.

4 February.—Lausanne Conference broke down owing to the refusal of the Turks to sign the Treaty.

7 February.—Owing to riots at Smyrna and rumours of Turkish advance "B" Company moved up to Cham Burnu.

8 February.—Colonel D. J. C. K. Bernard, C.M.G., etc., to England to attend Senior Officer's School. Companies in front line ordered to "stand to."

10 February.—Orders received that “stand to” might cease. 28th Divisional Boxing Competition. No. 6909052, Sergeant Giles of “D” Company was beaten in the final of the welter-weights and awarded best loser’s prize, and Rifleman Baron of “C” Company was only just beaten in the final of the light-weights.

15 February.—“D” Company relieved “A” Company in the “front line.”

24 February.—Battalion football team proceeded to Constantinople to play in the final of the Armistice Cup, and were attached to 1st Battalion Irish Guards.

26 February.—The Battalion played the 2nd Battalion The Essex Regiment on Taxim Stadium ground. Result, a draw, score being one goal all after extra time had been played.

27 February.—The replay of the Final, for the Armistice Cup resulted again in a draw, after extra time.

28 February.—“B” Company relieved “D” Company in the “front line.”

2 March.—Lieutenants D. N. Gordon-Duff and W. P. S. Curtis to England to attend courses.

3 March.—The Battalion football team and the Essex Regiment football team returned to Chanak.

4 March.—Second replay of the final of the Armistice Cup. Result—2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade, 1; 2nd Battalion The Essex Regiment, 0.

19 March.—Lieutenant L. M. B. Rathbone to England to attend signalling course.

Orders received from Brigade that there would be a two months’ lull pending negotiations, and that specialist and company training was to be commenced.

22 March.—“C” Company to forward sector. “B” Company struck off all duties for company training.

24 March.—Captain F. T. Hill to England on leave and Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Buxton to Malta on leave.

14 April.—Battalion Sports held at Nightingale Hospital to select representatives for Divisional Sports.

19 April.—“B” Company returned to back area. “A” Company to Chardakly Camp for platoon and section training. “C” Company struck off all duties for company training.

21 April.—Battalion won Unit Challenge Cup for sports open to all units of Navy, Army and Air Force in the Chanak and Kilis area. Twenty-two units competed.

24 April.—Battalion won cross-country team race open to all units in Chanak, for which a cup was presented by the Y.M.C.A. Teams consisted of ten, including one officer. Battalion entered two teams and obtained 1st and 7th places.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Harington, C.M.G., etc., Captain and Adjutant T. Fairfax-Ross, M.C., and the Buglers of the Battalion, took part in a memorial service held at V Beach, Cape Helles, to commemorate

the landing of the 29th Division. The buglers sounded the "Last Post" at the conclusion of the service.

Lieut.-Colonel Buxton and Major H. L. Riley returned from leave.

26 April.—"C" Company carried out a practice attack on Cham Burnu Ridges (near Karaja Veiran). Camp at Hill 52 and an extra $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of front line taken over from the K.O.S. Borderers.

27 April.—"C" Company carried out a tracer demonstration at Nagara Range.

30 April.—"C" Company went on a two days' Company March, spending the night at Ishlakhar.

3 May.—"D" Company relieved "C" Company in the forward sector.

5 May.—Captain T. H. Massy-Beresford, M.C., proceeded to G.H.Q. Constantinople for attachment to the General Staff.

10 May.—The Commanding Officer inspected "A" and "D" Companies at Chardakly Camp prior to his departure. Report of the G.O.C. Northern Ireland District on the musketry of the Battalion for 1922 received and was as follows:—"The shooting of this Battalion was decidedly above the average. This is partly due to tradition, but mainly to a thoroughly good system of instruction and great keenness on the part of all ranks."

12 May.—Lieut.-Colonel J. Harington, C.M.G., D.S.O., inspected Headquarters, "B" and "C" Companies at the Nightingale Hospital and said "good-bye" leaving for England the same day.

16 May.—"C" Company moved to Chardakly (near Karaja Veiran).

17 May.—Headquarters Wing moved to Chardakly Camp.

18 May.—Battalion Headquarters and "B" Company to Chardakly Camp. Transport to Hill 52.

31 May.—Officers of Battalion invited and attended a Turkish wedding in Karaja Veiran.

2 June.—Battalion took part in Ceremonial Parade for the King's Birthday, which was held on the high ground south of Tekke.

3 June.—Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Buxton, C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Lieut.-Colonel and appointed to command 2nd Battalion.

7 June.—Artillery Demonstration by the 5th Pack Battery R.G.A. with 3.7 howitzers.

14 June.—All Officers and a number of N.C.O.'s attended a Divisional Scheme to illustrate co-operation between Infantry and Artillery.

16 June.—Command Sports held at Constantinople. The Battalion gained sixth place.

19 June.—Forward post of the H.L. Infantry reported supposed hostile movements of enemy in the direction of Kemer. Patrols

sent out at intervals during the night, but all reported clear.

20 June.—Lieutenants E. J. King-Salter and E. P. A. Des Graz to England on leave. Both of these officers were selected as members of the Army Revolver Thirty at Bisley. Battalion Aquatic Sports held.

1 July.—Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel J. P. G. Crosbie, D.S.O., returned from leave and took over the duties of Second-in-Command.

2 July.—“B” Company and a portion of the Headquarter Wing struck off all duties for preliminary musketry.

7 July.—Captain F. T. Hill to Headquarters 85th Infantry Brigade as Acting Staff Captain.

16 July.—“B” Company and a portion of the Headquarter Wing to Maidos to fire Tables “R” and “L.”

23 July.—No. 6905830 Sergeant T. Byrne, Orderly Room Clerk, died suddenly from acute dysentery at the 21st Stationary Hospital, Kilia.

24 July.—News received that Peace had been signed at Lausanne.

25 July.—Sergeant Byrne buried in the cemetery of the 21st Stationary Hospital, Kilia. Firing party and Buglers attended the Service.

1 August.—Lieutenant W. P. S. Curtis rejoined from England and took over command of “A” Company. Verbal orders received from Headquarters 85th Infantry Brigade that the Battalion would probably embark for England on the second day after Peace was ratified instead of the thirty-eighth day.

2 August.—Cricket match with H.M.S. “Resolution,” which the Battalion won.

18 August.—The Commander-in-Chief, B.F.T., visited the Battalion at Chardakly Camp.

19 August.—The Dardanelles Area played an I Zingari team brought down from Constantinople by the Commander-in-Chief. Major H. L. Riley, D.S.O., O.B.E., captained the Dardanelles Team, and the Battalion had four representatives in this side.

22 August.—News received that the Battalion would almost certainly embark on 25 August for England.

23 August.—“Z” Day confirmed. All transport animals and vehicles handed in to Ordnance. Fifty per cent. of tents handed in.

24 August.—All remaining tents, camp stores, etc., handed in to Ordnance.

25 August.—Battalion embarked at Nagara Pier on H.M.T. “Syria,” commencing at 9.30 a.m. and finishing at 12 noon.

Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Buxton, C.M.G., D.S.O., appointed O.C. Troops, Captain and Adjutant T. Fairfax-Ross, M.C., Ship's Adjutant and Major and Quartermaster H. E. Worthing, D.C.M., Ship's Quartermaster. The remainder of the ship's staff was chiefly found by the Battalion.

The 19th Brigade R.F.A. and various details were already on board, having embarked at Constantinople.

27 August.—Port propellor broke during the night and the captain of the ship was instructed to proceed to Malta.

29 August.—Arrived at Malta and told to proceed to England via Gibraltar.

2 September.—Arrived at Gibraltar and told to proceed to England at once without waiting for repairs.

8 September.—Battalion under command of Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. Buxton, C.M.G., D.S.O., disembarked at Southampton. Strength :—20 officers, 5 warrant officers, 4 company quartermaster-sergeants, 21 sergeants, 31 corporals, 11 buglers and 391 acting-corporals and riflemen. The following officers disembarked with the Battalion :—

Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Buxton, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding Battalion.

Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel J. P. G. Crosbie, D.S.O., Second-in-Command.

Captain T. Fairfax-Ross, M.C., Adjutant.

„ R. Edwardes, Commanding “ B ” Company.

„ F. T. Hill.

Lieutenant E. A. S. Cosby.

„ W. P. S. Curtis, Commanding “ A ” Company.

„ H. S. P. Hopkinson, Commanding Headquarters Wing.

„ A. G. L. Hamilton-Russell, Commanding “ C ” Company.

„ G. V. Troyte-Bullock.

„ E. N. Clarke.

„ A. J. T. McGaw.

„ C. I. P. Holroyd.

„ D. J. Purdon.

„ E. N. Perceval-Maxwell.

2nd-Lieutenant F. W. Festing.

„ E. D. Treneer-Michell.

Major H. E. Worthing, D.C.M., Quartermaster.

Captain W. L. Partridge, M.C., R.A.M.C., Medical Officer.

The Battalion proceeded straight to the Government sidings at Aldershot, arriving at 4.30 p.m., where they were met by the Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.G., etc. The Battalion then marched to Oudenaarde Barracks, Farnborough.

11 September.—Battalion inspected on parade by the Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.G., etc., The Colonel Commandant of the Battalion, Lieut.-General Sir H. F. M. Wilson, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., was present on parade. The Battalion marched past in Column and doubled past in close column. At the conclusion of the parade H.R.H. presented medals to certain warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and riflemen, and then marched

the Battalion back to Barracks and dismissed them. The following is an extract of the Colonel-in-Chief's remarks :—" The Commanding Officer is instructed by H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief to say how pleased he was with the appearance of the Battalion. The handling of arms and marching were excellent, and all ranks were exceptionally steady on parade."

12 September.—The Battalion, less certain details, proceeded on leave until 6 October.

14 September.—A draft consisting of thirty-seven recruits posted to the Battalion from the Rifle Depot.

1 October.—2nd-Lieutenant A. C. J. Congreve joined the Battalion on first appointment.

Captain T. H. Massey-Beresford, M.C., appointed Assistant Military Secretary, Southern Command.

12 October.—Annual inspection of the Battalion by the Colonel Commandant, Commanding 5th Infantry Brigade.

13 October.—Remainder of the Battalion commenced to fire the annual musketry course.

5 November.—A draft of one Company Quartermaster-Sergeant, 4 Sergeants, 1 Corporal, and 41 Riflemen embarked at Southampton for the 1st Battalion, India, under Captain R. Edwards.

7 November.—Inspection of the Battalion by the G.O.C., 2nd Division, Major-General Sir E. P. Strickland, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O. The following is an extract from the Divisional Commander's Report :—" An excellent parade. Men clean and smart and well set up. Moved well and handled their arms well. Evidently great attention is paid to the appearance of all ranks and much credit is due to the Battalion for the results achieved.

2 December.—Captain F. T. Hill appointed A.D.C. to the G.O.C. 4th Division, Colchester.

14 December.—Inspection of the Battalion Training Cadre by the Commandant, Small Arms School.

22 December.—As many officers, N.C.O.'s and men as could be spared proceeded on Christmas Leave.

25 December.—A six-a-side football competition was played after Christmas dinners. In the evening an impromptu concert and dance was held.

MUSKETRY, 1923.

1ST BATTALION.

THE shooting of the 1st Battalion has shown very marked improvement during 1923. This can be accounted for by:—

(1) The very sound and efficient grounding given to all the indifferent shots by Turner and Company Sergeant-Major Lovell.

(2) By the excellent work done by Staff Sergeant Briggs, our Armourer Sergeant, who worked with his staff unceasingly during the hot weather of 1923, making new fore-ends and in every way thoroughly overhauling every rifle in the Battalion; he also took endless trouble in zeroing all our rifles before the Companies started their Table "B."

(3) The improvement in the ammunition.

(4) The fear of having to do extra musketry parades for a whole year in the event of failing to reach the required standard, i.e., 1st class shot.

The results up to the present of the Table "B" are very satisfactory indeed. "A" or Captain A. S. G. Douglas', O.B.E., Company who had the advantage of the range at Benares easily head the list, with an average of 133·7, and considering that marksmen's score is 135 they naturally are rather proud of themselves. Their Company Shot, Rifleman Dearne, obtained a score of 172.

"H.Q." or Lieutenant N. R. Harvey's Company are second with an average of 122·4.

"B" or Captain Sir E. A. Hodson's, Bt., D.S.O., Company, are third, with an average of 110.

"C" or Captain T. J. B. Bosville's, M.C., Company, are fourth with an average of 99.

"I" or Major D. E. Prideaux-Brune's, D.S.O., Company, was fifth with an average of 91·5.

Our Lewis Gun efforts were also an improvement on last year, the Battalion obtained an average of 97·3.

In revolver shooting the Machine Gunners, under the fatherly care of Harvey, managed to produce some astonishing scores, and the unfortunate Act.-Corporal who accidentally obtained a wash-out in the prone position is still suffering from shock, caused by the explosion of the astounded coach. Their average was 133·5.

We held two big rifle meetings during 1923, one at the commencement of the hot weather. These were for the most part

well attended, and some very satisfactory results were obtained. In each case the Rifle Meetings contained two classes :—

Class I for Marksmen and 1st Class Shots.

Class II for 2nd and 3rd Class Shots.

The snapshooting match held in our May Rifle Meeting attracted the biggest number of entries. The target was a most lifelike drawing of our friend the Afridi, who, living up to his usual reputation, proved a most wily customer, and simply refused to be hit, thus bringing down many curses on his offending head. The competition was won most appropriately by our very clever and skilful artist, Company Sergeant-Major Lovell, who had been the originator of this fearsome object.

On arriving at Peshawar we were all very pleasantly surprised to find that we now possess ranges upon which firing can be carried out in the morning. This was our great regret at Cawnpore where, owing to the range being sited the wrong way round, it was impossible to fire at longer ranges at any other time than the afternoons.

The Battalion is very fortunate in having Company Quartermaster-Sergeant West posted to it, and we are looking forward to seeing him capture many cups for the Battalion at the All India Meeting in February, 1924.

2ND BATTALION.

Battalion Figure of Merit.

Rifle	..	..	..	..	..	112.3
Light Automatic	..	..	..	..	..	162.11
Marksmen	..	..	..	..	..	90
1st Class Lewis Gunners	..	..	..	..	..	76

Order of Merit of Companies.

	Rifle.	L.A.	Com- bined.
"C" (Captain R. I. V. Birkbeck, M.C.)	128.75	168.91	148.83
"D" (Brevet Major H. L. Riley, D.S.O., O.B.E.)	124.58	171.4	147.99
"A" (Brevet Major R. O. Bridgeman)	116.8	167.9	142.35
"B" (Major O. C. Downes, D.S.O., M.C.)	107.0	138.7	112.35

Best Shooting Company.

"C" (Captain R. I. V. Birkbeck's) Company.

Best Shooting Platoon.

	Rifle.	L.A.	Com- bined.
No. 15 (Lieutenant E. P. A. des Graz) Platoon	134.05	195.5	164.7

Figure of Merit, Machine Gun Platoon.

266·3

Best Shot W.O.'s and Sergeants.

	Score.
Rifle : Company Sergeant-Major P. Wood, <i>M.M.</i> , "C" Company	175
L.A. : Act.-Sergeant R. Webb, "A" Company	210

Best Shot, Corporals and Riflemen.

Rifle : Rifleman Shuttleworth, "C" Company	184
L.A. : Rifleman Shuttleworth, "C" Company	234

Best Shot of Companies.

RIFLE.

	Score.
"A" Company : Company Quartermaster-Sergeant H. Warren	166
"B" Company : Rifleman Waters	169
"C" Company : Rifleman Shuttleworth	184
"D" Company : Rifleman Thompson	167
Headquarters Wing : Rifleman Dickenson	163

L.A.

"A" Company : Rifleman Bayley	230
"B" Company : Act.-Corporal R. Reeves	219
"C" Company : Rifleman Shuttleworth	234
"D" Company : Rifleman Bishop	225

A.R.A. MATCHES.

1922.

The Queen Victoria Trophy : Battalion Team	3rd
The Company Shield : "C" Company	5th
The Company Shield : "B" Company	6th
The King George Cup : Battalion Team	5th
The Duke of Connaught Cup : Battalion Team	8th
The Hopton Cup : No. 14 Platoon	17th
The Hopton Cup : No. 8 Platoon	20th

1923.

The Queen Victoria Trophy : Battalion Team	1st
The 18th Hussars Cup : Battalion Team	1st
The Company Shield : "C" Company	3rd
The King George Cup : Battalion Team	7th
The Machine Gun Cup : Machine Gun Platoon	2nd
The Royal Irish Cup : Battalion Team	19th
The Hopton Cup : No. 7 Platoon	1st
The Duke of Connaught Cup : Battalion Team	15th

A.R.A. CENTRAL MEETING, 1923.

Revolver Thirty Cup.

Lieutenant E. J. C. King-Salter	5th
Lieutenant E. P. A. des Graz	15th

N.R.A. CENTRAL MEETING, 1923.

Army Eight.

Lieutenant E. J. C. King-Salter.

The King's Hundred.

Lieutenant E. J. C. King-Salter, 85th.

“ B ” Company and part of the Headquarter Wing fired their Musketry in Turkey under unfavourable conditions.

The remainder of the Battalion fired at Ash Ranges in October and November, consequently there was no time for a Battalion Rifle Meeting.

THE DEPOT.

ANNUAL COURSE.

Depot, Rifle Brigade, figure of Merit	..	92.3
Good Shots.	Fair Shots.	Unqualified.
42	22	3
Total exercised		.. 67.

Highest Score.

Lieutenant The Lord Plunket, 117.

A.R.A.

RouPELL Cup.

Order of Merit.		Prize
5 ..	Rfn. Ashforth, R.B.	£2 0 0
10 ..	A/Cpl. Davenport, K.R.R.C.	1 0 0
33 ..	Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.	1 0 0
56 ..	Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. West, R.B.	0 10 0

Army Championship.

Class I.

2 ..	Sergt. Sibley, R.B.	Silver Medal and
		£6 0 0
4 ..	Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.	6 0 0
6 ..	Lt.-Col. S. Knox-Gore, K.R.R.C.	6 0 0
7 ..	Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. West, R.B.	6 0 0

Order of
Merit.

Prize

Class II.

8 .. Rfn. Ashforth, R.B. £1 0 0

*Methuen Cup.*1st, R.M.L.I. ; 2nd, Engl. Regts. ; 3rd, Bde. of Guards ;
4th, The Green Jackets ; 5th, S.A.S. Hythe ; 6th, R.M.A. (17
teams).*Revolver 30.*

7 .. Regt.-Sergt.-Major W. Apsey, D.C.M., R.B.

Sweepstakes, Pools, etc.

Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.	..	..	..	£4	6	6
Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. West, R.B.	..	..	..	1	12	0
Sergt. Pretty, K.R.R.C.	..	..	..	2	2	0
Sergt. Sibley, R.B.	..	..	..	0	10	0
A/Cpl. Davenport, K.R.R.C.	..	..	..	0	15	0
Rfn. Ashforth, R.B.	..	..	..	1	5	0

N.R.A.

Alexandra.

43 .. Sergt. Butler, R.B. £1 0 0

Broad Arrow.

8 .. Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.	..	..	£1	0	0
16 .. Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. West, R.B.	..	..	1	0	0

Canada.

2 .. The Rifle Depot (by 1 point).

Clementi-Smith Aggregate.

54 .. Sergt. Sibley, R.B. £1 0 0

Hamilton-Leigh Challenge Cup.

Won by the Rifle Depot £15 0 0

McQueen.

4 .. Sergt. Pretty, K.R.R.C. £1 10 0

St. George's Challenge Vase.

102 .. Rfn. Ashforth, R.B. £1 0 0

His Majesty the King's Prize

(Best Army Shot at Home).

16 .. Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.
19 .. Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. West, R.B.
31 .. Sergt. Sibley, R.B.

Order of
Merit.

Prize

His Majesty the King's Prize.

(Open to Past and Present H.M. Forces).

49 ..	Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C. (215) Badge of "The King's Hundred" and	£3	0	0
102 ..	Rfn. Ashforth, R.B.	2	0	0
293 ..	Sergt. Pretty, K.R.R.C.	2	0	0

1st Stage Class B.

Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. Fitt, K.R.R.C.	£1	0	0
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L.S.W.R.

1 ..	Sergt. Pretty, K.R.R.C.	£7	0	0
37 ..	A/Cpl. Davenport, K.R.R.C.	1	0	0
43 ..	Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. Fitt, K.R.R.C.	1	0	0

H.M. Queen Mary's Prize.

Open Class.

6 ..	Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.	£3	0	0
12 ..	Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. West, R.B.	2	0	0
56 ..	Rfn. Ashforth, R.B.	1	0	0

Class B

23 ..	Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. Fitt, K.R.R.C.	£1	0	0
27 ..	Sergt. Sibley, R.B.	1	0	0
30 ..	Sergt. Pretty, K.R.R.C.	1	0	0

Secretary of State for War.

2 ..	Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.	£2	10	0
38 ..	Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. West, R.B.	1	0	0
52 ..	Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. Fitt, K.R.R.C.	1	0	0
57 ..	Sergt. Pretty, K.R.R.C.	1	0	0

S.R. Championship Aggregate.

2 ..	Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C. Silver Badge and	£1	0	0
37 ..	Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. West, R.B.	1	0	0
46 ..	Sergt. Pretty, K.R.R.C.	1	0	0

The United Services Challenge Cup.

1st Regular Army. Team included Regt.-Sergt. Major Jagger, who made highest score in competition, Silver Bowl and Bar to Army Badge. Reserve :—Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. West.

The Wantage.

2 (Tie)	Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.	£1	3	4
37 ..	Sergt. Pretty, K.R.R.C.	1	0	0
51 ..	Sergt. Sibley, R.B.	1	0	0

Order of
Merit.

Prize

Sweepstakes, Pools, etc.

Sergt. Pretty, K.R.R.C.	£3 10 0
Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. Fitt, K.R.R.C.	1 5 10
A/Cpl. Davenport, K.R.R.C.	0 12 0
Sergt. Sibley, R.B.	0 10 0
Rfn. Ashforth, R.B.	0 6 7
Coy.-Qmr.-Sergt. West, R.B.	Waterproof

SOUTHERN COMMAND WEAPON TRAINING MEETING, 1923.

RESULTS.

Match 4a.

3 .. Sergt. Butler, R.B.	£0 15 0
4 .. Sergt. Pretty, K.R.R.C.	0 15 0
5 .. Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.	0 15 0
19 .. Sergt. Sibley, R.B.	0 10 0
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	£2 15 0

Match 5a.

1 .. Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.	3 0 0
2 .. Regt.-Sergt.-Major Apsey, D.C.M., R.B.	2 0 0
5 .. Sergt. Butler, R.B.	0 15 0
20 .. Sergt. Sibley, R.B.	0 10 0
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	6 5 0

Match 6.

11 .. Sergt. Butler, R.B.	0 10 0
16 .. Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.	0 10 0
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	1 0 0

Match 7a.

8 .. Rfn. Ashforth, R.B.	0 10 0
27 .. Rfn. Homewood, R.B.	0 5 0
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	0 15 0

Match 8.

6 .. Rfn. Homewood, R.B.	0 10 0
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Match 9.

31 .. Rfn. Homewood, R.B.	0 5 0
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Match 13a.

40 .. Rfn. Heron, R.B.	0 5 0
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Match 14.

27 .. Rfn. Heron, R.B.	0 5 0
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Order of Merit.	Prize
Match 18.	
8 .. Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.	0 12 0
12 .. Regt.-Sergt.-Major Apsey, D.C.M., R.B.	0 12 0
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Match 19a.	
2 .. Regt.-Sergt.-Major Apsey, D.C.M., R.B.	0 15 0
Match 19b.	
2 .. Sergt. Sibley, R.B.	0 15 0
6 .. Sergt. Pretty, K.R.R.C.	0 4 0
7 .. Sergt. Butler, R.B.	0 4 0
	<hr/> 1 3 0
Match 19c.	
2 .. Rfn. Homewood, R.B.	0 12 6
18 .. A/Cpl. Monk, R.B.	0 2 0
19 .. Rfn. Heron, B.B.	0 2 0
	<hr/> 0 16 6
<i>Revolver Pool.</i>	
Rfn. Ashforth, 12s.; Regt.-Sergt.-Major Apsey, 11s. 6d. and 12s. 6d.	1 16 0
<i>Rifle Pool.</i>	
Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, K.R.R.C.	0 5 0
<i>Daily Rifle Competition.</i>	
Regt.-Sergt.-Major Apsey, 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d.; Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, 5s. and 2s. 6d.; Rfn. Homewood, 5s.	1 10 0
<i>Team.</i>	
Regt.-Sergt.-Major Apsey, Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, Sergt. Pretty, Sergt. Sibley	0 10 0
<i>Consolation Match.</i>	
Rfn. Barnett, R.B.	0 12 6
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Total	£20 12 0

Match 27c (Sergeants' Mess).

1st, Rifle Depot. Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, Apsey, Coy.-
Qmr.-Sergt. West, Sergts. Pretty, Sibley, Butler. (Value £20)
Silver Cup.

Match 28.

1st, Rifle Depot. Lieut. de Bruyne, Regt.-Sergt.-Major Jagger, Apsey, Sergts. Pretty, Sibley, Rfn. Ashforth. (Value £15) Barometer.

THE RIFLE DEPOT, WINCHESTER.

TOTAL OF PRIZES AND WINNINGS AT RIFLE MEETINGS
DURING 1923.

ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Silver Jewel and Medal (Army Championship)	..	2
Cash	£10 11	6

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Silver Challenge Cup (Hamilton-Leigh)	..	1
Silver Bowl (United Services)	..	1
Bar to Army Badge (United Services)	..	1
H.M. the King's Hundred Badge	..	1
Cash	£65 9	3
Waterproof	1

HAMPSHIRE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Cash	£1 15	0
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SOUTHERN COMMAND WEAPON TRAINING MEETING.

Silver Cup (Sergeants' Tile Competition)	..	1
Barometer (Revolver Team)	..	1
Cash	£20 17	0

GRAND TOTAL.

Challenge Cups	..	1
Cups, Jewels, etc.	..	4
Medals, Bars, etc.	..	2
Cash	£97 15	9

Our representatives who attended the various meetings upheld the high standard in rifle and revolver shooting.

Owing to reductions our selection is greatly limited and will be worse next year.

The battalions of both regiments being overseas, the Green-jacket Team for the Methuen Cup had to be furnished from the Depot. This team, in obtaining fourth place made a splendid effort against strong teams of the Marines, English Regiments, and Guards Brigade.

The Depot Team in winning the Hamilton Leigh Cup, perhaps made the best performance of the year.

We were all pleased to see Bradbury again. He is rather stouter, but still "radiates" musketry with an occasional break for a "rabbit or a bird."

At the Southern Command Meeting, the Sergeants' Mess Team were successful in winning the "Knock Out" Cup Competition. The final run took place against the Wiltshire Regiment. A few minutes before this run took place, the Commander-in-Chief, Southern Command, General Sir W. N. Congreve, appeared on the range. He was the first one to congratulate our team on winning the final run.

We hear that Coy.-Sergt.-Major Grinter, who is now attached to the W.I. Regiment, has won the West Indies Championship at Kingston.

RECOLLECTIONS OF OVER FIFTY YEARS WITH THE RIFLE BRIGADE

BY MAJOR H. HONE.

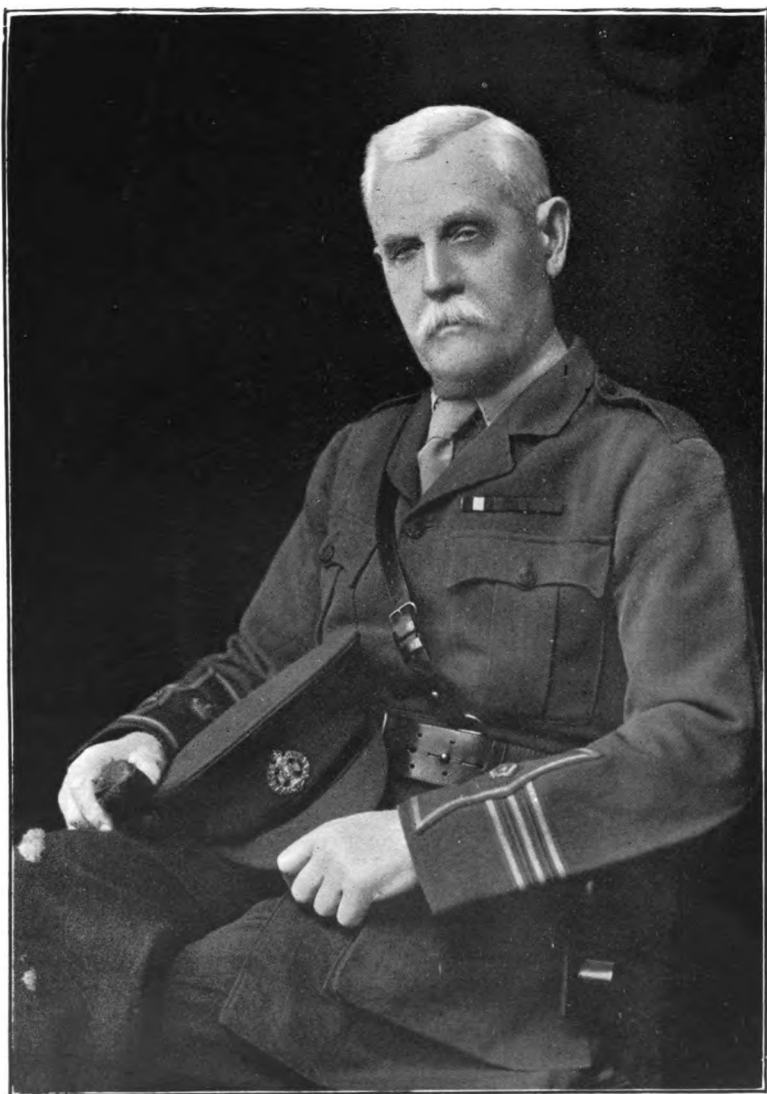
THE disbandment of the 4th Battalion to me is like the loss of an old ship to the mariner. Now that it has gone, my thoughts must follow the 2nd Battalion, in which my father served twenty-one years and in which I was born, when the Battalion was stationed at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in November 1843.

My earliest recollections are of Toronto in 1849, where the talk in the Battalion was about the party at the copper mines mentioned in the CHRONICLE in Vol. VII. for 1896. From Toronto the Battalion moved to Kingston, and from there left for England in the troopship "Simoon" in 1852, and on arrival was stationed at Canterbury.

My father was discharged after the Battalion had returned from attending the funeral of the late Duke of Wellington.

Being anxious to become a bugler-boy in the Regiment when old enough, I enlisted at Winchester in November, 1857, and became the 175th Rifleman of the new 4th Battalion then being formed.

The Staff consisted of Colonel F. Elrington, Commanding; Majors E. Newdigate and The Hon. G. Elliot; Adjutant T. F. Henley; Paymaster H. Peacocke, from Quartermaster 1st Battalion; Quartermaster D. McIntyre, from Land Transport Corps, originally from 79th Highlanders; and Medical Officer,



MAJOR H. HONE.

Dr. T. E. Scott; Sergeant-Major Noseley, from the 1st Battalion; Quartermaster-Sergeant Jenkins, from the 2nd Battalion. The Bugle-Major, T. Clements, was an old Cape War and Crimean veteran. He often referred to the time when he was Field-Bugler to Sir Harry Smith while the 1st Battalion was at the Cape. In addition to Officers and N.C.O.'s from the other Battalions of the Regiment, we had several from the "Red Army," six Corporals from the Guards, also a few N.C.O.'s from the Depôts of the 22nd and 31st Regiments then quartered in Winchester Barracks. Drafts arrived from the 2nd and 3rd Battalions. The Depôt of the Regiment was then at Winchester, Colonel W. S. R. Norcott in command.

Our allotted quarters in Winchester Barracks being filled up, we moved to Chichester in December 1857, about three hundred strong. I am afraid there are not many now living who were with that party. No Band having yet been started, we were played out by that of the 4th/60th (who had been formed at the same time).

On 24 December 1857 I was appointed Bugler to E Company.

At Chichester we received several Drafts from Militia Battalions. Here the Band was started. The C.O. gave out at a monthly muster parade (a parade of the past) that any man who could play a Jew's harp or tin whistle who cared to join the Band was to give in his name, but we lacked old hands to help us. A German, who could play an instrument, joined and became servant to the Band-master, who gave him a suit of plain clothes -- he then bolted, instrument and all. Later on we had three Germans in the Battalion—

Coppins—who became Colour-Sergeant.

Haase, a very good soldier, height 6 ft. 5 in., possessed very large feet. Special boots had to be made for him, also a larger knapsack to hold them.

Smith, a bit of a dandy, when out walking wore black kid gloves. While we were at Gibraltar, several cases of burglary were put down to him. From there he deserted.

The clothing issued to us included a cloth suit, shako, boots, great-coat, knapsack with boards. (Several old Riflemen who came from the other Battalions had the old knapsack without boards, the coat being carried inside to fill it out.) The shell jacket, trousers and necessities were kept up at our own expense, and only one pair of boots were issued free a year. It can be imagined there was very little of our pay left to spend on extras after these things had been paid for. This hit us hard, especially growing boys like myself.

The Battalion getting too strong for accommodation in Chichester Barracks, we moved in May 1858 to Shorncliffe, which was then a camp of wooden huts with plenty of room for drills, etc., and the surroundings an ideal place for the training of a Battalion of Riflemen. Here the C.O. soon knocked the Battalion into shape.

The Battalion was now getting up to strength, but desertion was in full swing. Bounties were being given, and many were off to join other new Battalions in order to get another bounty. (Second Battalions were then being added to Regiments of the Line up to the 25th Foot.) To stop this we were ordered off to Malta,¹ and on the very first parade out there, the

¹ The Battalion was again in Malta in 1905-8; the 1st Battalion in 1841-3 and in 1904-5. The 2nd Battalion in 1826-32.

C.O. informed the men that there were no back doors in Malta. One or two tried to get away, but failed.

It was in August 1858 that we left for Malta in the two old tubs, H.M.S. "Urgent" and "Perseverance." What an improvement in the ship's rations now, compared to those we had in those days! Salt meat every day, hard biscuits, "plum duff" every other day, and a limited allowance of drinking water; a ration of rum was also issued daily. The old Bugle-Major, in order to get some more rum, complained to the Adjutant that the boys required a bath. We were therefore put through a kind of wash by an old soldier, but when grog-time arrived we were forced to hand over our allowance to these two old scamps.

On arrival at Malta, we were quartered in Lower St. Elmo Barracks—a rotten hole (it was like living down a stone quarry with rooms on one side). The only good point was that we were close to the sea, and with the warm climate, bathing soon became the chief sport. I, with other boys, often swam across the Quarantine Harbour to Fort Tigne and back. Theatricals were now started by the band, a stage being put up in the band-room. The Adjutant, Lieutenant Henley, left us here, and Sergeant-Major Noseley was promoted Adjutant. We were issued with white material smocks and had peaks attached to our round caps, but after a year or so these peaks were done away with.

The Battalion had to do their share of Garrison work, etc., and attend the Brigade Parades. On these occasions one would hear some of the old commands, viz :—

"21st Royal North British Fusiliers will change

front on the rear by wheel and counter-march of subdivisions round the centre."

It used to take them a long time to complete this movement, and while they were "grinding up the ground" doing it, our Battalion carried out the movement by ranks of companies counter-marching, then standing at ease. This new movement of ours (afterwards changed to "Change Ranks") was introduced by our C.O. Colonel Elrington, who formed one of the Committee when the Army Drill Book was altered in 1870. Colonel Elrington also introduced the Field Call "The Alert." This call was selected from several others that I had written for him in 1870 when Bugle-Major.

The following incident, which shows the wit of our C.O., took place in Malta. A number of men started selling their boots. This, however, was soon stopped by a few early morning parades, when one would hear this from the C.O., "Play up the Band: if boys are naughty they must be whipped."

Though not very good, the Band had to take their turn in playing out on the parade in front of the Main Guard. Our clever young German Band-master did all the solo playing, and we did the vamping.

After about nine months in these quarters, owing to trouble our men had with some of the natives, we fell into the bad books of the Governor, and for punishment, I suppose, were sent to Fort Recasoli across the Grand Harbour—Head-quarters at the Fort with two outlying detachments. We were all very pleased to get away from the hole we had been living in. We missed Valetta, but altogether I think it was for the best. It took the men away from the wine shops in the town.

Musketry was now started and carried out at St. George's Bay. We were first in tents, then huts were built, and finally St. George's Barracks were erected.

About this time we lost our clever Band-master—he could not get on with the President of the Band, Paymaster Peacocke, who had been a band boy in the 1st Battalion and thought he knew more about the business. After trying two others, we got Mr. Carr, recommended by Band-master Miller of the 1st Battalion.

During our stay in Malta, the health of the Battalion on the whole was pretty good. The only bad time we had was for a few weeks when a kind of dysentery set in and we lost the Schoolmaster and six or eight men.

After about two years we moved to Fort Manoel in the Quarantine Harbour, which is practically an island. Here we had the place to ourselves, with every facility for boating, fishing, bathing, and other sports. The Officers did some pigeon shooting, and running matches were organized with other Battalions, particularly the 25th K.O.B.'s. Theatricals were also started. The 1st Battalion 22nd Regiment, who had arrived in Malta from Home, boasted of their marching powers, so our C.O. took the matter up and challenged them to a fixed march and, to our delight, beat them: the General Officer Commanding acted as umpire.

Our rations for some time consisted once a week of salt meat, some of the "old tack" no doubt that had been stored ages ago in the Island Provision Stores. The Band generally changed theirs for fruit.

A number of small tents were issued for trial, the parts to be carried by the men, like the French soldier, but it came to nothing.

I spent one day at the Island of Gozo together with the men of my Company, pulling down old huts erected there during the Crimean War.

Until 1863 I had been a bugler playing in the Band. I then decided to give up the bugle and become a bandsman.

The Battalion was now issued with serge frocks to replace the shell jacket and the beastly leather horse collar. The first consignment that arrived was condemned, then a better kind was received, quite a nice kind of serge.

10 March 1863 we attended the Garrison Parade at Floriana to celebrate the marriage of our Colonel-in-Chief, the Prince of Wales. We all wore white silk rosettes on the breast of the tunic: they had been sent to the Battalion from England.

During the summer months the Band frequently played at Sliema on the sea front.

In September 1863 we moved from Malta to Gibraltar. Head-quarters in Town Range and a detachment at Wellington Barracks. We all liked the change, but found "Gib" too confined in comparison with Malta.

In October 1863 Paymaster Peacocke died, Adjutant Noseley taking his place, and Ensign Swaine becoming Adjutant. After a few months the Battalion moved up to the South Barracks with a Detachment at Catalen Bay.

Here I got my first stripe in 1864.

The Battalion found the duties very hard in Gibraltar, especially during the Musketry season. A number of Officers' Guards had to be furnished. It used to be a great joke, I remember, among the men about an old Captain who, when on guard at the

North Front, put flies under his bottle when he visited the sentries, in order to see that it had not been moved during his absence. The men, however, soon found out the dodge—flies were there when he returned, but the contents of the bottle had partly vanished.

In 1864 the Whitworth Rifle was issued to the Battalion, and though the points to be obtained in each class were increased, the Battalion made good shooting, and, I believe, one or two of the men were the best shots in the British Army that year.

In 1865 I was promoted Corporal, and took over the duties of Band-Sergeant.

In July 1865 we got orders for Canada, and the 1st Battalion being there, we were often reminded on Staff Parade by the Adjutant, Lieutenant Swaine, to "buck up," for we were going near our senior Battalion. Our station in Canada was Montreal, but on arrival at Quebec we were sent across the St. Lawrence, and encamped in a wood at Point Levis and there employed in cutting down trees and throwing up earthworks facing the State of Maine (United States).

We came in touch with the 1st Battalion at Quebec, and I am sure, from what they saw of us, that they were not ashamed of their young Battalion. They were dressed in the old frocks that our officers had condemned in Malta. We were inspected by the O.C. the Station, Colonel Lord Alexander Russell, who commanded the 1st Battalion. I think he had very little fault to find. Our Institutions, etc., were perhaps not up to those of the old Battalions, but on parade or in the field we could hold our own with any of them.

In 1862, during the Civil War in the States, large

bounties had been given to deserters from the British Army. Desertion to a great extent was still going on, and it was not long after our arrival in the country that the Corporal in the Quartermaster's Stores and six men deserted, taking their arms, ammunition and food with them. They made off through the woods, and though Captain Cragg with a party went in pursuit, they had had too long a start and got away.

In September 1865 I was appointed Acting Band-Sergeant to attend with the Band the funeral of Lieutenant Dundas of the 1st Battalion, who died at Quebec.

Shortly afterwards we were very glad to receive orders to move to Montreal, for it was getting cold, and we were not yet accustomed to such sights as the country offered during the winter: for instance, the white frost one found on one's tent in the morning, or a stream, which had been running close by, frozen during the night.

On arrival at Montreal we were quartered in one half of Victoria Barracks, the 1st 25th K.O.B.'s being in the other. The latter, of course, were our old friends from Malta, and they gave us a right good reception.

Winter coming on, we were issued with our winter kit—long boots, creepers, woollen comforter, fur hat, moccasins, piece of blanket, and snow-shoes. The latter were quite a novelty to us, and we thought it fine fun marching out and brigading in them. Skating and dancing were the chief amusements during the winter months, and sleighing was also popular. Large concerts were given in the town during the winter by the military bands of the Garrison, arranged

by our Adjutant, L. V. Swaine, and Colonel Fane of the 25th K.O.B.'s.

In April 1866 I became Band-Sergeant.

The Whitworth rifle was shortly afterwards replaced by the Snider rifle.

We found the summer in Canada fairly warm. The country was very picturesque and interesting, and the people kindly disposed towards the soldier, so that by the time we left for England in 1867, many men had purchased their discharge and stayed on in the country, and several of them did very well.

During 1866 the Fenian rebels were getting troublesome in the country, and in the winter of that year one or two companies were kept equipped during the night ready to turn out at a minute's notice in case of trouble in the town.

In April 1867 I became Bugle-Major.

At Montreal I had to carry out one of the old duties of the service, namely the degrading of a bad character. After the man's sentence was read out, I cut off his facings and buttons and we then bugled him out of the barracks with the "Rogues' March." Another service I was called upon to perform was to "Cry down the credit of the Battalion." After the buglers had played a march in the street, I read out an order to the effect that no soldier was to have more than one shilling to his credit. When we came home I had to carry out the marking of bad characters and deserters; one poor chap, if still living, is going about with three letters that I branded him with.

During the summer of 1867, a detachment under the command of Major Newdigate was sent to Ottawa, together with the Band under my charge. We were

there for two or three months, and attended the opening of the new Parliament House, since burnt down. We were the first British troops to be stationed at Ottawa, our barracks being one of the new hotels. Once a week we played out on the grounds close to the Parliament buildings.

We were relieved by a detachment of the 1st Battalion and sent to Prescott, a town on the St. Lawrence, the Head-quarters of the Battalion being on the frontier. The Fenians were in force across the river; after about three weeks we returned to Montreal.

I may mention that a medal was given long afterwards for the Fenian Raids. I got mine in 1901.

In September 1867 we were on our way home in one of the new troopships, the "Serapis." On arrival, Head-quarters was sent to Chichester, with a detachment at Winchester. Though in England, we were not finished with the Fenians. About Christmas, when those not on leave were making ready to enjoy their first Christmas at home, an order arrived for the Battalion to move at once: Head-quarters to Weedon, detachments to Leeds and Warwick. Trouble was expected in these quarters, but nothing took place, and shortly afterwards the Battalion settled down: Head-quarters at Chester, with half a Battalion at Weedon.

Towards the end of 1869 we were moved to Aldershot, the Weedon party doing the journey by route-march. Head-quarters marched to Birkenhead, shipped to Portsmouth, and then railed to Petersfield; from there marched to Cove Common, where we were encamped close to our 2nd Battalion. Our old friends of Malta and Canada, the K.O.B.'s, had

barrels of beer ready for our consumption, but the C.O., getting wind of it, ordered the heads to be knocked in.

After a short time under canvas, we moved into the Centre Block Barracks.

Being senior Bugle-Major of the Brigade, I had to attend several times at the Brigade-Office for increasing the pace of the Bands, for when we struck up "Ninety-five" for the Battalion on "marching past" at Brigade and Divisional Inspections we set the "Red Army" dancing. I believe that on all inspections by Generals, the pace of our marching past had to be noted. On another occasion, when finding Brigade Duties for the week, I was reported for not playing "The Queen" on the bugles after sounding "The Last Post"! I think it must have been the same intelligent Officer, who, at Gibraltar, complained that the Band-master in charge of the Brigade Bands failed to see that the trombone-players pushed out their slides at the same time!

At Aldershot the Battalion was issued with a much lighter shako, one that was a bit lower and made of a soft quilted material. The Glengarry cap was also issued here.

On one occasion we had a pleasant trip with the 2nd Battalion and other Battalions to Bramshill, the residence of the old Rifleman Sir A. Cope, encamping in his grounds for two nights.

In 1870, the Band-master having left, I carried on the work for about six months until the new man arrived. In September 1870, thinking to better myself, I left the Band.

Towards the end of this year, the Battalion was sent to Shorncliffe. The Franco-Prussian War was

then at its height, and if either of the nations involved had invaded Belgium, we were one of the Battalions detailed to cross and turn them out.

From Shorncliffe my Company was sent on detachment to Chatham. I was also for a time at the Isle of Grain with a party employed throwing up earthworks on the eastern point of the peninsula.

In 1871 the Battalion moved to Chatham. Lieutenant J. Preston was now Adjutant, vice Lieutenant Swaine.

In March 1872 I was appointed Colour-Sergeant to Captain J. Knox's Company. This Officer had received a commission from the Guards for his gallantry in the Crimea, where he had lost an arm.

On the recovery of the Prince of Wales from his illness in 1872, the Battalion lined the streets on the occasion when His Royal Highness attended the Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

In 1872, much to the regret of all, our dear old C.O., Colonel Elrington, left us. He had been with the Battalion since its formation in 1857. He was strict, but just, had no "fancy fads," preferred a good patched kit to a new one and never worried us by unnecessary drills. The men loved him, and on all inspections and ceremonial parades they "played the game" with their C.O. Colonel J. Ross took over command of the Battalion.

About August we left Chatham for Dublin, breaking our journey to attend the manœuvres on Salisbury Plain. We looked very much like French troops at the time with our great-coats rolled round the pack and clothes strapped on the back.

On arrival in Dublin, Head-quarters was stationed at Richmond Barracks with detachments at Ship

Street and Linen Hall Barracks. At Ship Street we had some trouble with an Irish mob. The fire engine had been sent out to help at a fire close by in Thomas Street, and being next to a whisky shop, the mob cut the hose and pelted the men with stones, etc. The detachment was ordered out, and on the arrival of the Field-Officer of the Day, we were told to clear the streets. Quite a number of men had been badly hurt, so the mob got a taste of the riflemen's swords that night.

After a few months the Battalion moved as a whole to the Royal Barracks.

In 1873 the Battalion was selected for the Ashantee Expedition, but owing to the Officer Commanding having made arrangements for private stores¹ for the Battalion (we were booked for the East at the end of the year) the order was cancelled and the 2nd Battalion sent in our place.

We were now under orders for India in October 1873. A good kind of white cork helmet was taken out for the Battalion to take the place of the "bug traps" issued by the Indian Government, the men paying the difference in the cost. These helmets lasted the whole of our service in India, so that the men gained in the end, receiving the bi-annual compo., instead of a helmet.

Before leaving, the Indian Government Department took over our equipment. The small twenty-round pouches worn by Sergeants had to be indented for (the old C.O., Colonel Elrington, having preferred,

¹ The C.O., evidently aware that the Battalion was to go to India at the end of the year and knowing what India was, had ordered a number of articles for the use of the Battalion. One large item was 1,000 cork helmets for the men.

during his command, that the Sergeants should wear the forty-round pouches). The shako worn by the Regiment for years was now doomed ; Bandsmen and Buglers' brass-hilted swords with the lion's head had been replaced by swords with a steel hilt. A silk-worked badge worn by Colour-Sergeants took the place of the very pretty gold-worked badge that had been in use for years. Chevrons for N.C.O.'s were now green instead of black. Whilst on the subject of dress, I well remember the straight-up shako worn by the 2nd Battalion before the French pattern one was introduced. The coatee worn had long tails (this was not the case with the 60th Rifles—they had the short-tail coatees). A great joke, I remember, among the men was to bet a 60th man sixpence that he could not sit on the tail of his coat.¹

We sailed from Cork for India in October 1873 and were stationed on arrival at Umballa, with a detachment at Solan during two summers. It was a good thing that Colonel Ross and several of the Officers had served in India before and could give us many useful hints with regard to the country. Thursday in India is always a holiday for the troops, and we enjoyed them to the utmost. Theatricals were soon started and had a good following. In winter cricket was the chief sport. The firing range being close by, a shooting club was started. Shot guns were purchased, the Government allowing two old smooth-bore guns per company for sporting purposes. Can-

¹ The old wooden keg, painted blue, water bottle, was now replaced by the soda water bottle covered with leather. This water bottle we had in use during our stay in India. After we came home, an Italian wooden pattern one was issued, but this, like the old wooden keg, required a lot of looking after to keep it sweet and clean. After a few years the present pattern was issued.

teens were then on the closed system, men being limited to one quart of beer and one dram of rum daily, but for cricket an extra pint per man was allowed on a Thursday, and many took advantage of this extra pint.

As regards the helmet—in winter we wore black covers and pugarees, and in summer the white pugaree, but when the Prince of Wales arrived at Delhi, the black and green pugaree was introduced, to be worn winter and summer.

Whilst at Umballa, the famous Chestnut Troop, R.H.A., on their way through, encamped for the day, so that we had the Right and Left of the British Army together. Another curious coincidence was that our C.O., Colonel Ross, was the son of Major Ross who commanded this battery in the Peninsular War when with the Light Division. You may be sure, therefore, that the Umballa lines “hummed” that night.

Whilst at Umballa, we had two pleasant marches to Delhi, a distance of one hundred and thirty-one miles, with plenty of game on the way.

In 1875 a Durbar was held by the Viceroy of India, and in 1876 the Prince of Wales, on his visit to India, came to Delhi. On both occasions we formed a Guard of Honour.

Here Colonel Ross left the Battalion, Colonel H. R. Newdigate taking over Command.

In October 1876 we marched from Umballa to Peshawar. The 3rd Battalion was stationed here after the Mutiny, stopping a month or two at Rawal Pindi. This long march was very interesting; route-books, printed in the Regimental Printing Office, were issued, giving the length of the daily march, and chief

towns and local places of interest on the way. We were detained a number of days at Husanabdal owing to heavy rains. The rations were being sent from a station in front, and it was late before the men got a meal, so in the meantime they scoured the countryside for any food they could lay their hands on. On arrival at Peshawar, we occupied the old Barracks. Here the Battalion received the Martini rifle.

During 1877-8 detachments of the Battalion were continually on the move, being sent to Nowshera, Cherat, and Attock.

Whilst at Peshawar, trouble arose over the closed canteen called by the men "Crossing the Danube." A number of N.C.O.'s came to grief over the matter.

From Nowshera in December 1877, parties were sent on the Jowaki Expedition, for which a medal was given.

In this month I was promoted Quartermaster-Sergeant.

In April 1878 Lieutenant Cholmondeley became Adjutant, vice J. Preston promoted.

At Nowshera I formed one of Captain Howard's firing party. On many occasions I found the rifle getting too hot after a number of rounds had been fired, so I made myself a leather hand-guard. Others copied me, and in due course all rifles of the Battalion were furnished with a similar guard. Nowadays, a wooden hand-guard is supplied.

In 1878, when the Afghan War broke out, Headquarters was at Cherat with half a Battalion at Nowshera. At that time fever was very bad among the troops in the district, and we were considered the most unfit. The other two Battalions in the Command were sent to Jamrud, but on arrival collapsed

from fever. The Battalion was then hurried up to Peshawar, and after a day or two marched to Jamrud, and on the same evening (21 November 1878) advanced with the Brigade over the hills to get in rear of Ali Musjid Fort. Our Brigade consisted of the 4th Rifle Brigade, the 4th Ghurkhas and the 20th Punjabis.¹

India at this time was not prepared for war on a large scale; the equipment, stores, etc., were old and rotten, and the arrangements for advance not much better. There was no water on the hills in the direction whence the Battalion had gone, so to meet this emergency one hundred and fifty mussocks for water were issued, but they were useless—no better than sieves. The Battalion, therefore, had to rely on the Regimental water carriers. Owing to the neglect of a Staff Officer, no one was posted to direct the supply party in the right direction. The night was pitch dark—they had lost touch with the other supply parties, and got on the wrong road—the result was that the water, reserve ammunition, men's great-coats, and food did not reach the Battalion. One man of C

¹ Some time before the Afghan Campaign started, our rifles being only sighted to one thousand four hundred yards, Captain F. Howard was asked by the Military authorities to devise some inexpensive method of sighting, which would enable them to be used with effect up to two thousand yards. This was carried out by the pin of the upper band on the rifle being moved out a little and taking sight from the corner of the slide on the back-sight. This gave such good results that it was adopted for all troops armed with the Martini rifle, and Captain Howard received the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief. The longer distances afterwards were marked on the reverse of the back-sight. The Battalion was ordered to be trained to it, and at the taking of Ali Musjid Fort it was hoped there would be a chance for its use, but it did not come off.

Company with his rations turned up in the dark, he must have got mixed with the other parties of the Brigade.

The Quartermaster, myself and the Band had been left at Jamrud to strike and load up the tents (we had the large E.P. tents, not fit for this part of the country) and when we advanced, there being no sort of order as to how we were to go, it was a case of every one for himself. We eventually found the Battalion about three miles up the Khyber Pass beyond the Fort. They had been one or two days without any water. The only water they came across was brackish. A number of the men had suffered badly and had to be sent back to Peshawar. As to rations, we had to take what we could find.

After advancing a couple of stages, we reached Dakka. From here we moved to Jellalabad. The Hill Tribes at Kunar, Lughman, and in the Bazar Valley, near our Lines of Communication, were getting a bit troublesome, so expeditions were sent out to these places. I went with the party to the Bazar Valley under the command of Colonel Newdigate—strength two hundred (forty in a Pall tent). The Division we joined was about two thousand strong. The hillmen were in great numbers, and it looked as if we were in for a big fight. We had only ten days' rations, so were forced to return to Jellalabad.

There were still a lot of fever cases in the Battalion, but a large draft arriving from England saved us from being sent back.

The Battalion had left Peshawar hurriedly, and the Officers' Mess and Quartermaster's Stores had not been prepared ready for loading in case the Battalion did not return. Grandy, our Mess-Sergeant, and

myself, therefore, were sent on to put things right. We started with a convoy, but this being too slow, we left them and very foolishly went through the Khyber Pass by ourselves at the great risk of being sniped. We got through all right, but on our return, I came back with a large party, but Grandy followed on with twenty men of the Battalion and had a bit of a scrap with the hillmen in the Pass.

At Jellalabad we got very friendly with the 4th Ghurkhas of our Brigade; this friendship lasted for years after we returned to India.

From Jellalabad we pushed on to Gandamak, and on the way lost Captain J. Preston at Safed Sung, an officer very much respected by all ranks.

We were now getting ready for the final march to Cabul, when Yakoob Khan, the Ameer of Cabul, arrived and a Treaty of Peace was signed at a spot not far from our camp, and in sight of the place where the 44th British Regiment made their last stand in the Cabul War of 1842.

Operations having presumably come to an end, we started back for India and were confronted with a more deadly enemy—cholera—which had broken out on the Lines of Communication, the only road by which we could return; also, being the months of June and July, we lost one or two men from sunstroke. At every stage of the march we left cases behind, many never to return. On arrival at Peshawar, the Battalion was not allowed to enter; the Quartermaster and myself were sent to supervise the loading of stores to be despatched to the Battalion, Native troops being employed to carry out this work. At Khyrabad we were detained several days, as the “Bridge of Boats” across the Indus River to Attock

had been removed. Here we lost a number of men, including Surgeon-Major Wright, who had been with us for several years; and so from camp to camp the fatal disease took its toll until we reached a camp near Abbottabad where we lost Lieutenant Lord Ossulston and more men. I was not feeling right myself, I had to go on a journey of about six miles to "take over" Kalabag, a station to which one of our detachments was proceeding, and after the work was done, I went in for a good go of rum; this no doubt cured me. Next morning I was as right as a fiddle, but oh! what a head I had!

The Battalion was stationed at Kuldana—the 2nd Battalion was here in 1912–14—a Hill Station with two detachments elsewhere and after a few months moved to Rawal Pindi. Our casualties on the Afghan Campaign had amounted to three Officers and about one hundred N.C.O.'s and men. Their names are inscribed on a memorial in Winchester Cathedral. One man's name has been erased; he turned up about six months after we had left him with others who were dying at Dakka.

Within about three months of the signing of the peace treaty at Gandamak, Sir Louis Cavagnari and his escort, who had been sent to Cabul, were murdered. This caused a fresh outbreak of hostilities. The Battalion was looking forward to returning to the front, but we were reported unfit and had to remain in Rawal Pindi, where we settled down for a time with detachments at Attock, Kohat, and the Murree Hills.

Here we were ordered to sell the bronze ornaments worn by the Sergeants on the old cross belt; similar to those of the Officers, they were bought in by the Battalion.

The Afghan Campaign had taught the Battalion a lesson, so it was considered necessary to lay down some definite rules for use when ordered on service. These rules helped us considerably in 1881, when the Battalion left for the Waziristan Expedition. They were also a good guide to us in Aldershot in 1896, when mobilization books were started in all Battalions.

In 1881, Colonel Newdigate left us, Colonel Wood taking command of the Battalion. Lieutenant H. F. M. Wilson became Adjutant in January of that year, vice Lieutenant Cholmondeley.

In January 1882 we left the Punjab for Jhansi in Central India with detachments at Fort Gwalior and Nowgong.

In August 1882 I was promoted Quartermaster.

Having been Bugle-Major, Colonel Wood asked me to compile a book of the Regimental and Company Calls of The Rifle Brigade, together with several bugle marches which were then in use; the Company Calls with the words were obtained from the other Battalions. A number of these marches were very old and originated from the 1st Battalion. I believe copies of my book were sent round to the other Battalions for use. The introduction and words to several Field Calls in the book were by Colonel Wood.

In 1883 I was granted six months' leave to England, returning via the Cape owing to sickness on the Suez Canal route.

About this time the medals for Afghanistan were issued. I also received my Good Conduct Medal which I was entitled to in 1879—the return sent from the front in that year having been seized by the hillmen in the Khyber Pass.

In December 1884 we left Jhansi for a Hill Station, Chakrata—the Battalion was also here again in 1913—stopping on the way at Meerut, where we were encamped on the Race-course. H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief, who was in command of this district at the time, came out to meet us, and during the inspection by him, Colonel Wood was again thrown from his horse and broke his leg, Major F. B. Cary temporarily taking over command.

March 1885, the Ameer of Cabul, Abdurahman, was visiting India about this time, so we were sent up with other Battalions to Rawal Pindi in order to make a show, I suppose. Whilst there news arrived about trouble with Russia; we were warned for Active Service, and expected to advance through the Bolan Pass—it, however, came to nothing. We were then ordered to return to our Hill Station, but sickness had broken out on our Line of March, so we were directed to the Murree Hills. At the first camp, Baracao, it rained very heavily for a week, which delayed our advance. By this time things had improved on our proper route to Chakrata, so back we went to Rawal Pindi, railed to Saharanpur, and finished up our journey with a march of about eighty miles.

As Chakrata was only our summer station, we spent the winter under canvas at Meerut, twelve days' march from the hills.

I remember that during one winter when we attended the big manœuvres near Delhi an amusing incident happened, and one which had good results. After the March Past before General Roberts, owing to the heavy rain and the state of the ground, hundreds of native shoes were found at the Saluting

Point. The Native soldier was issued later on with a better kind of shoe. At this same March Past, the Battalion got well soaked with the rain.

Colonel Stephen was now in command of the Battalion, and in 1888 we left the District for Dinapur, a march of seven hundred and eighty miles, stopping at Lucknow for a month or so on the way, where I had a good look round the Residency, and also paid a visit to Cawnpore.

We found Dinapur a bad station—amongst other inconveniences it was four miles from the station. We remained here about nine months and then got a move to Burma.

We left India in December 1888 for Burma, Headquarters at Toungoo, with a detachment at Meiktila. Colonel Boyle was now in command, and Lieutenant King-Salter, Adjutant.

Whilst stationed in Burma, parties from the Meiktila detachment took part in the Poppa, Bhamo, and other expeditions. I was at Meiktila for a short time, and from there took stores to Mandalay for despatch to our Mounted Infantry up-country. Our 1st Battalion was also in Burma during the operations. We lost Lieutenant E. Hodge and about thirty men during our stay in the country.

In December 1889 we sailed from Burma for England, calling at Bombay *en route*; here we re-shipped to the troopship "Malabar." H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief was in command in this district and inspected the Battalion on the ship, the Officers afterwards dining with him at the Yacht Club.

I might here mention that during our sixteen years' stay in the East we lost six Officers and three

hundred and seven N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion.

We arrived at Malta in a storm, and owing to engine trouble or something of that kind we were driven down the harbour and nearly collided with H.M.S. "Camperdown." Again on 19 January 1890, when off Cape Trafalgar in a dense fog, a French iron ship ran into us. We were badly damaged and the Frenchman had her bow stove in. Both ships therefore made for Cadiz to be patched up, finally arriving at Portsmouth on 27 January 1890.

We were quartered at Parkhurst, Isle of Wight. It rained the whole day of disembarkation, and what with unloading the ship, loading the barges, then unloading these for the carts at Cowes, and marching the three miles to Parkhurst Barracks, the men were properly soaked.

The 2nd Battalion had kindly arranged a good dinner for us, and the two chief items, viz. "Beds filled" and good fires in the rooms, which I had asked two Officers to arrange who had left for home before us, made every one cheery and bright for their first night in Old England.

I was the only one in the Battalion that sailed for Malta in 1858.

During the summer we spent fifteen days under canvas near The Needles. In August of that year Her Majesty The Queen reviewed the Battalion. We were also inspected by General The Hon. Sir Leicester Smythe, an old Rifleman who was with us in Gibraltar. Guards were furnished at Osborne, when the Queen was in residence.

Here the Battalion received the valise equipment. The busby now worn was also issued.

During our last year in India the Battalion had been the best shooting Regiment in the country, and were now keeping up their reputation by winning a great many prizes at several meetings during 1890 and 1891. We also won the Young Soldiers' Challenge Cup for the first and second year of the competition.

In December 1891 we left the Island for Devonport and were quartered in South Raglan Barracks. The 3rd Battalion was here in 1906-8. Colonel Boyle had left us and Colonel L. S. Sackville was now in command. Lieutenant H. G. Majendie was Adjutant, vice Captain King-Salter.

During the months of August in 1892 and 1893, we were out with the other Battalions of the Brigade on the moors. The march we had to Okehampton in 1893 was a very trying one owing to the great heat that summer, the Brigade being frequently halted because of the numbers falling out. The Battalion, I am proud to say, on that occasion, stuck it like bricks and only left behind two bad cases. It was not so with the other Battalions, especially one in particular; the transport waggons had to be sent out to bring in the lame and weary.

Mr. Quinn, the Band-master, who had been with the Battalion since 1873, left us at Devonport and died the following year.

In August 1892 I received the rank of Captain.

In May 1894 the Battalion moved to Aldershot. During our stay at this station, we were kept very busy with Field Days, Columns, etc.

The Quartermaster-Sergeant and myself made an improvement on the valise equipment worn which was approved by all who saw it, especially the pouches;

it was sent to Woolwich, but we heard no more about it.

In January 1895 Colonel F. Howard left us to take command of the 2nd Battalion. He had been with the Battalion for about twenty-nine years without a break and was very much respected by all ranks. He was looked upon as the father of the Battalion, not for his long service only, but for the great interest he took in all things connected with it, especially sport. He knew how to treat the men and anything he wanted them to do was always done with the best of good will. He was well known throughout the Regiment. An old Rifleman not knowing who I was once said to me: "If you don't know Frank Howard, you are no Rifleman."

In September 1895 the Battalion, on the return march from the New Forest manœuvres, was entertained by the people of Winchester. What changes had taken place since I was last there! It was close on thirty-eight years since the Head-quarters of the Battalion, a young Battalion just formed, had marched out of the town about three hundred strong in December 1857, and I was the only one left of that party! It was doubtful at the time whether the Hampshire Depôt or the R.B. Depôt was to occupy the New Barracks then being built to replace the old ones burnt down in 1894. Captain The Hon. C. G. Fortescue was now Adjutant, vice Captain H. G. Majendie.

In June 1896 the Battalion, together with the 2nd Battalion then at Aldershot, were inspected by H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief, a number of past Officers being present.

In August of that year, the Military Obstacle Race was held—sixteen Battalions entered for it.

Each team was to comprise two Officers, eight Sergeants and ninety-six Men, Dress- Drill Order. It was won by the 4th K.R.R., the second and third places being taken by the 2nd R.B. and the 4th R.B. A great day indeed for Riflemen !

On the Regimental Birthday in the same year we had combined sports with the 2nd Battalion and in the evening dined at their mess. T.R.H. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught were present.

Besides our Colonel-in-Chief who commanded at Aldershot, we had Major-General Swaine who commanded our Brigade and who had been with the Battalion for about ten years. Two of the latter's Staff were also Riflemen, Captains Cowans and Hood.

In September 1896 we left Aldershot for Dublin and were quartered at Portobello Barracks.

In that year the Young Soldiers' Cup was again won by the Battalion.

The Mounted Infantry party, who had left for South Africa the year before, were now back again.

During August 1897, the Battalion took part in the Irish manœuvres. Colonel Sackville, who had been in command for six years, now left us, Colonel Pemberton taking over command. Captain H. E. Vernon was now Adjutant, vice Captain The Hon. C. G. Fortescue.

November 1898. It was now my turn to leave after forty-one years' service with the Battalion and fifty years connected with the Regiment; I had to go owing to age, as I was fifty-five years old. At the farewell dinner the Officers kindly gave me a very nice clock, and Surgeon-General Scott, who had been with the Battalion from its formation to 1873, and who had passed me fit for a Rifleman in 1857, sent me

a silver ink-stand. I have also another silver ink-stand given me by Colonel Stopford Sackville when he was expecting to leave the Battalion in 1896. As a reminder of old times I have a silver watch presented to me by Captain F. Howard for being best shot in G Company during the years 1880-81, which is still keeping good time.

It was a great wrench leaving after a lifetime with the Regiment and I thought I had worn the old green jacket for the last time, but in December 1901 I was back again in Portobello Barracks with the 15th Provisional Battalion, formed during the South African War; Colonel J. A. Fergusson being in command.

In August 1902 I was with the party under Major Crake who proceeded to London for the coronation of King Edward VII. I may mention that my father was with the 2nd Battalion when they attended the coronation of Queen Victoria in 1838, and my young son, a King's Scout, was selected to attend at the coronation of King George in 1911.

20 October 1902. The Battalion was moved to Portsmouth to await the arrival of the 1st Battalion from the Cape. They arrived on the 29th, and on the following day the 15th Provisional Battalion ceased to exist. I remained on pay for a few weeks handing over the stores.

In November 1902 I was Quartermaster of the 1st Essex Volunteer Battalion, who wore the same dress as The Rifle Brigade, so I was able to don the old green jacket again. They were afterwards turned into red, but I never changed a button.

I got the rank of Major for having completed seventeen years' commissioned service in the Regulars.

In 1909 I had to retire again owing to age, as I was now sixty-seven.

In 1912 I was in the National Reserve and when the King reviewed the Battalions in Hyde Park I had the pleasure of Marching Past with the Colonel in the old green jacket.

In 1915 whilst on the Recruiting Staff during the war, I had the pleasure of again wearing The Rifle Brigade uniform, this time in khaki.

My memoirs have now come to an end, and as I sit at home, I often look back and think of the happy days I spent with The Rifle Brigade. Once a year I make it a point of attending the annual dinner, where I meet old friends and talk of old times. Fifty years is a long time to have served one's country, and although now in my eightieth year, I sometimes feel that I would like to go through it all again.

THE REGIMENT AND THE O.T.C.

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THE Editor has asked the writer to put together a few notes upon the association between the Regiment and the Senior and Junior Divisions of the Officers' Training Corps. This article is accordingly submitted, though with some considerable diffidence, for although the writer's experience of the Senior Division is fairly up to date, he has no present-day acquaintance with the Junior Division, having last served in a Junior Division Camp as far back as 1908. Moreover, one very comprehensive article on the same subject has already appeared in the CHRONICLE of 1906 by Captain J. Burnett Stuart. This article, it is true, carries the story up to 1906 only, and it is possible that some further account of this period and of subsequent developments may be found of interest. Apart from the information contained in the article referred to, to which he is much indebted, the writer has had to rely upon his memory, and he hopes, therefore, that he may be forgiven for any inaccuracies which may creep into this narrative.

The Regiment owes its introduction to the Public Schools Cadet Corps, to the late Major T. M. Riley, 60th Rifles, who, over a long period of years, terminating only with his death in 1908, acted as Quartermaster to the Annual Camp of the Public School Battalion, and later of the Public School Brigade. This work, and it was very hard work, was to Riley

a labour of love, and of all the many and varied interests which filled his most useful life, I doubt if there was one which gave him more real pleasure than his Annual Camp with the Public School boys. It was his ambition to bring about a permanent liaison between Riflemen and the Public School Cadet Corps, and in this matter he was, as in most other projects that he undertook, successful. The first Riflemen, other than Riley himself, to be employed in the Public School Camp were provided by the 60th, that Regiment furnishing the Commandant and Adjutant in, I think, the year 1897. A lapse of three years then occurred, during which Riley was the only Rifleman so employed. In 1900, however, the late Major H. A. Kinloch, 60th Rifles, was appointed Camp Commandant, and he took with him an Officer of the Regiment as Adjutant. There was also present an N.C.O. of the Regiment, Colour-Sergeant George Wood, in the capacity of Camp Sergeant-Major. This rôle he filled annually until his appointment to the Sherborne School Corps as Sergeant-Instructor, a post he has occupied with conspicuous success for some seventeen years. The Public School Camp in those days and up to the year 1906 was held in Government House Grounds, Aldershot. The official title of the Camp in 1900 was the Camp of the Public School Battalion, but actually in view of the increase in numbers, there were organized in the Camp three Battalions commanded by Public School Officers. One or two occurrences in those far-off days are recalled to memory. One of the old Sergeant-Instructors, a Falstaffian figure, appeared on parade on one occasion in a cricket cap and white shoes. He was firmly removed by Sergeant-Major Wood. The latter

had never been brought into contact with other than Regular troops before, and the writer vividly recollects Sergeant-Major Wood's astonishment at a slight ration difficulty which occurred in a certain Contingent where, as Wood put it "here's Zanzibar won't eat any bacon, and Tukkit Singh won't eat any beef." A formula was eventually found, mutually satisfactory both to the future Sultan of Zanzibar and to the Sikh in question, in the purchase at the Canteen of some tinned Australian rabbit, at least so the story goes, but of its truth the writer is not absolutely sure.

In the following year 1901, the Public School Cadet Corps were officially organized in a Brigade of four Battalions, and Major H. F. M. Wilson was appointed Brigadier, a position he was to occupy on several subsequent occasions. He took with him in 1901 two Officers from the 4th Battalion of the Regiment. From this date the tie between the Regiment and the Public School Cadet Corps may be said to have been firmly established. Thenceforward, an ever increasing number of Officers of the Regiment were employed in the Camp, the increase being brought about by the gradual substitution of Regular Officers as Battalion Commanders, Seconds in Command and Adjutants in place of the Public School Officers who had formerly filled these posts. The Officers required were found without difficulty, as those who had once been to the Camp always endeavoured to do so again. Camp came to be looked upon as a most particularly enjoyable *réunion*, not only with old friends in the Regiment, but also with those many friends that had been made amongst the Public School Officers themselves. No praise could be too high for the

latter, to whose efforts the success of the Public School Cadet movement is primarily due. One felt that in those camps one was meeting the pick of the Public School masters of the day. A proof of the correctness of this feeling may be found in the number of those Officers who have since been advanced to Headmasterships. The present Headmasters of Wellington, Haileybury, Cheltenham, and St. Albans are cases in point, but there are many others. Incidentally, it may not be out of place to point out that of the Officers of the Regiment who served as Brigadiers and Battalion Commanders between 1901 and the first O.T.C. Camp in 1909, one, the late Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, rose to be Chief of the Imperial General Staff, three served as Corps Commanders¹ during the War, while two others, Brigadier-General Sir John Gough, V.C., and Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. Hugh Dawnay, D.S.O., fell in action too early in the War to admit of their reaching that high position to which they would most assuredly have attained had they been spared.

An incident which occurred in one of the earlier camps was not without its humour. In those days, all the Officers of the Brigade lived in one huge Mess. Whether this is the case or not now I do not know. On this particular occasion there must have been well over one hundred Officers in Mess. One night, the Mess caterer provided us with tinned apricots. The writer has a vivid recollection of waking up about 2 a.m., "conscious most of wrong within" as the hymn has it. It was at once apparent that he was not alone in his misfortune: on all sides there arose

¹ Sir H. F. M. Wilson, Sir R. B. Stephens, and Sir W. N. Congreve.

an exceeding bitter cry, even as the cry which greeted the death of the first-born in Egypt. From every tent in the vicinity there came sounds of groans, curses and maledictions, of the striking of matches and of fumbling with camp lanterns. It was a time of much distress. So universal was the calamity that the Field Operations planned for the next day had to be abandoned. One Officer, since most distinguished in the War, had gone off to his home after the fatal dinner in Camp, and was to return in time for the Field Day. A telegram from him which arrived about 10 a.m., "Very seedy. Do not expect me," was received with cheers by the other sufferers. To the best of my belief, only two Officers remained unaffected or apparently so. One of these was the Brigadier, who had not eaten any apricots, and the other was Riley. While the many victims were loud in their denunciation of the caterer, Riley stoutly defended him, and was, as some of the stricken ones thought, something less than sympathetic in their troubles. About tea time, however, the writer, feeling somewhat stronger, took a walk down the lines and happened to pass the famous tent with the red and white stripes where Riley lived in considerable comfort, as befitted one in whose hands lay the comfort of us all. The tent was closed, but from within there came sounds such as might be expected to come from one with whom all was not well. A glance inside revealed the fact that the apricots had claimed another victim. It was necessary to send hastily for the M.O. who soon put the patient on his legs again, but after this no more was heard of the virtues of the caterer. Dear old Tim Riley! I doubt if many men have been more genuinely mourned, and

of the various communities in which his was a well-known figure, there could hardly have been one in which his loss was so much regretted as in the Public School Brigade Camp.

From time to time, the 60th supplied Battalion Commanders and Adjutants, but up to and including 1908 the Regiment provided the bulk of the Officers and invariably furnished the Brigadier and Brigade-Major. Thus it came about that when Mr. Haldane launched his O.T.C. scheme in 1908, The Rifle Brigade possessed considerably more Officers conversant with the needs of the Public School Corps than any other Regiment. It resulted from this, no doubt, that Captain J. Burnett Stuart was selected to go to the War Office in charge of that branch of the Staff, now called S.D.3.B., which deals with the O.T.C. In this position he was responsible for drawing up the original edition of the O.T.C. Regulations, and for all the spade work needed to bring the new organization into being. The scheme was due to come into force on 1 October 1908. It so happened that the Adjutancies of the Oxford and Cambridge University Corps fell vacant in February of that year, and as it was thought advisable that both appointments should be filled by Officers familiar with the personnel of the Public School Contingents, Major R. C. Maclachlan and the writer were posted as Adjutants at Oxford and Cambridge respectively. The writer had actually left the service eighteen months before, and he cannot be sufficiently grateful to the kindly hand which drew him from retirement and dispatched him to Cambridge, where he has been happily employed ever since. The choice of Ronnie Maclachlan to fill the vacancy at Oxford was a stroke of genius. To his

high professional attainments he added the wide outlook on life and the many interests of a well-informed man of the world, qualities well calculated to appeal to the Senior Members of a community like Oxford. Amongst the undergraduates, his very genuine liking for and sympathy with young fellows assured him of success from the first. Barely had two terms elapsed before everything that was best in the academic world at Oxford had succumbed to the charm of that compelling and most lovable personality.

Before endeavouring to trace the History of the O.T.C. movement, so far as it concerns the Regiment, in the Senior Division, it may be as well to explain the principal difference which the new organization brought about between Riflemen and the Public School Camp. Up to this point the provision of Regular Officers at the Camp had been a matter of private and unofficial negotiation between the Public School Camp Committee and such Senior Officer of the Regiment who might agree with the Committee to command the Brigade. The latter, having undertaken the work, would then proceed to secure such Officers as he needed, their employment subsequently receiving official sanction. With the introduction of the O.T.C. scheme, and the resulting increase in the number of camps, the command and organization of one camp was definitely and officially committed to the charge of the Officer Commanding the Rifle Depôt. Thus the somewhat nebulous system which had existed with so much success for so many years came to an end. To-day the arrangement then made still holds good, the 60th and the Regiment taking an equal share in the work.

To return to the Senior Division. In February

1908, Oxford and Cambridge Universities each maintained an Infantry Battalion and a Section of Mounted Infantry, of which unit the latter was up to strength in each case, while both Infantry Battalions were weak in numbers. In addition to the paucity in numbers, there was a disinclination on the part of the prominent men in the undergraduate world to join the Corps. Both Universities were, in fact, suffering from the not unnatural reaction which followed upon the Military enthusiasm created by the South African War. The problem to be solved at both Universities was identical, namely, how best to bring about a change in public opinion. There were certain definite assets; the staunch support of the University authorities, a sound method of administration, a satisfactory financial situation, and a thorough recruiting system. Subsequent experience has caused the writer to prize the last named more highly than he did in 1908, for four years of strenuous endeavour since the War have so far failed to place the recruiting system at Cambridge on as satisfactory a footing as was the case when the O.T.C. scheme was inaugurated.

The two Adjutants took over their new duties in February 1908, and had the Lent and May Terms of that year in which to prepare for the creation of an O.T.C. Contingent of all arms in the following October Term. Lord Haldane addressed meetings at both Universities in May. Both meetings were crowded, but while the response at Oxford was most remarkable, the results of the Cambridge meeting were practically nil. Was it not a great Russian Diplomatist who said: "One may make mistakes, but that is no reason why one should persist in

them," and, so acting on this principle, the writer betook himself to Oxford to learn how the thing should be done from Ronnie Maclachlan. Afterwards, from time to time he took train again for Oxford, a practice he continued when, in due course, Captain H. M. Wilson succeeded to the Oxford Adjutancy. From these visits, the writer derived great advantage to himself, and he hopes also to his Contingent. He would like here, also, to express his gratitude to those many Officers of the Regiment who on various occasions came to Cambridge to help him or were present in the Annual Camp of the Cambridge Corps.

The association of the Regiment with the Senior Division was not, however, limited to Oxford and Cambridge. In 1909, Captain F. H. Nugent was posted as Adjutant to the Contingents about to be raised by the Universities of Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield and Nottingham. This was no small undertaking, for no military organization previously existed at these Universities, the travelling involved was very considerable, and there was an absence of the College system and games clubs organizations which are such powerful aids towards gaining touch with the undergraduate world at Oxford and Cambridge.

In the summer of 1913, a Camp was formed of all the University Corps in the United Kingdom, other than those maintained by Oxford, Cambridge, and the Irish Universities, at Ilkley in Yorkshire. John Gough was in command, the last occasion the writer thinks, on which he was brought in contact with the O.T.C. movement for which he had already done so much. There were also present in this Camp two other Officers of the Regiment, Captain F. H. Nugent

and the writer, with Sergeant-Major C. Howard, at that time R.S.M. to the Corps at Cambridge.

In the summer of 1914, Ronnie MacLachlan returned to Oxford as Commandant, Captain H. M. Wilson being his Adjutant. The Contingents at Oxford and Cambridge at this period contained about one-third of the Undergraduates in residence and comprised a Cavalry Squadron, a Section R.F.A., a Field Company R.E., a Signal Company, a Battalion of Infantry, and a Field Ambulance Section.

Then came the War. At this moment, the Regiment was providing the Commandant and Adjutant at Oxford, and the Adjutant at Cambridge, but Captain F. H. Nugent had completed his tour of duty at Manchester, and had been posted to the 1st Battalion.

It is a curious commentary on the limited liability point of view with which the British Empire went to War in 1914, that, on mobilization, the Permanent Staffs of all the University O.T.C.'s were withdrawn. Thus at the very moment when the demand for young Officers to replace casualties was likely to be most insistent, the formations most fitted to meet the demand were emasculated. A very few days had elapsed, however, before the Permanent Staffs thus withdrawn were hurried back to Oxford and Cambridge. There was indeed plenty for them to do, for past and present members of the two Senior Universities flocked back to Oxford and Cambridge to register their names for service. At Cambridge, the old cramped Head-quarters in Market Street were found utterly inadequate, and it was necessary to move to the Hall at Corpus Christi College. Here at the High Table, a Committee, representing the

Board of Military Studies, sat all day long and far into the night to interview candidates for commissions. In the body of the Hall, forty-eight Senior Members of the University, organized in reliefs, battled with the ever increasing clerical work. Over the Central Registry near the door, presided the late Mr. W. P. Schreiner, formerly Prime Minister at the Cape. That so distinguished a man should have been content with so humble a rôle was typical of the magnificent spirit which prompted all the Senior Members of the University, from the highest to the lowest, to undertake any work, no matter how trivial, which might be of service to the Country. Similar scenes were enacted at Oxford. With Riflemen at both the Senior Universities, it was not surprising that a steady stream of young Officers flowed to the Special Reserve and New Army Battalions of the 60th and The Rifle Brigade. It was not only their number, which was indeed considerable, but their quality. Oxford and Cambridge could produce no better. The table which I give below speaks for itself.

University.	Joined Rifle Brigade.	Killed or Died of Disease.	Total.		
			Wounded.	Casual- ties.	Percent- age of Casual- ties.
OXFORD . . .	163	77	Further figures not available		
CAMBRIDGE . .	217	97	57	154	71

Of the Cambridge men, three commanded Battalions, the Hon. M. T. Boscawen, D.S.O., M.C., N. S.

Thornton, D.S.O., M.C., and A. C. Sheepshanks, D.S.O. The two former commanded Battalions of the Regiment, while the last named, who lately commanded the Eton College O.T.C., was transferred from the 8th Battalion of the Regiment to command a Battalion of the 60th. The writer is indebted for the figures quoted to the Oxford and Cambridge War Lists, in which connection it may not be out of place to say that the Cambridge List was compiled by Major C. V. Carey, one of the sadly few survivors of that magnificent body of young University men whom Ronnie Maclachlan gathered round him in the 8th Battalion on its formation in 1914.

In conclusion, it should be added that after the writer's departure from Cambridge in September 1914, the interests of the 60th and Rifle Brigade were looked after by Major H. G. Comber of Pembroke College, to whom both Regiments owe much for the infinite pains he took to help them. When the time came for Major Comber himself to proceed overseas, the supply of Cambridge men of suitable age was already exhausted, and as the University had to all intents and purposes shut down, no further help from this quarter was to be expected.

EDITOR'S NOTE.

It is only necessary to add a very few remarks to this admirable account.

The connection between the Regiment and the Junior Division of the O.T.C. is still maintained.

The Rifle Depôt is still called upon by the War Office to run one of the camps for the Junior Division O.T.C. in August every year, and the two Regiments

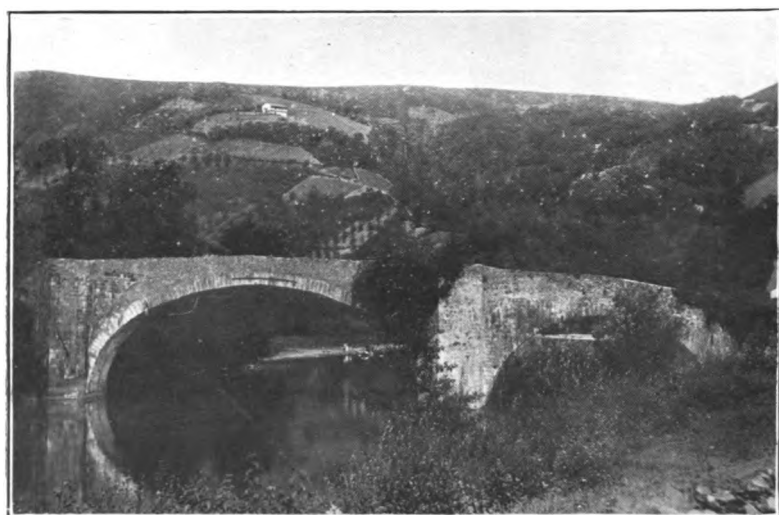
provide the entire Brigade and Battalion staffs, totalling some fifteen Officers and about a dozen Warrant and Non-commissioned officers.

Other Officers of the Regiment have also assisted at the O.T.C. Camp at Strensall. Spencer and Fellowes commanded Battalions there in 1920, Fellowes, with Eastwood as his second in command, commanded a Battalion in 1921 and has been the Assistant-Commandant of the Camp in 1922 and 1923.

There are also many old Warrant and Non-commissioned officers of the Regiment employed as Sergeant-Major Instructors to various contingents of the O.T.C. The following schools, amongst others, have secured the services of ex-Riflemen in this capacity :—Rugby, Winchester, Wellington, Rossall, Sedbergh, Bromsgrove, and Ellesmere.



THE MEMORIAL AT THE BRIDGE OF VERA.



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THE VERA MEMORIAL

BY

BRIGADIER-GENERAL G. COCKBURN, C.B.E., D.S.O.

IN the CHRONICLE of 1920, amongst some Regimental Notes, is found one on the Vera Memorial, and the last paragraph reads:—

“It is proposed to give a full account of the Memorial with illustrations in the next issue of the CHRONICLE.”

Owing to the death of Colonel Verner this proposal could not be fulfilled, as the papers connected with this subject could not be got at in time.

We must crave the indulgence of our Members for the omission and the lapse of time.

In the CHRONICLE of 1913 Colonel Verner wrote a full account of the “Fight at the Bridge of Vera.” Of the books written by Riflemen serving at the time, the best and fullest account is given in the Autobiography of Sir Harry Smith. George Simmons, Kincaid and Leach, all mention it, but Sir Harry Smith, being at that time Brigade-Major to the Brigade in which the 2nd Battalion was serving, doubtless had better knowledge of the fight than did the other authors mentioned.

It is not intended to give a description of the action in this article—which is to be an account of the Memorial erected at VERA.

The River Bidassoa, which rises in the Pyrenees and eventually empties itself into the S.E. corner

of the Bay of Biscay between Hendaye (France) and Irum (Spain), forms for a short distance from its mouth the boundary between France and Spain. Above this portion it passes between rocky banks, and like all mountain streams is liable to sudden rises and falls.

The stream flows in an east to west direction generally, but at Vera itself it approaches that village in an almost northerly direction at that point turning to the west. Just above the turn is the famous Bridge, where the banks are somewhat less rocky, particularly on the right bank (the Vera side). The Bridge itself is very ancient, only just wide enough for a cart to pass ; it will be seen from the illustration that the piers of the Bridge are wider than the roadway and on the top of these widened piers are niches so that foot passengers can stand in them whilst a cart goes by. It is across one of these niches that the Memorial Tablet is now placed.

It will doubtless be asked why "Rifle Brigade" in brackets was inscribed on this tablet which commemorated the famous deed of Captain Daniel Cadoux and his gallant Riflemen, when the title of the Regiment in those days was the 95th Rifle Corps. But the reasons for the insertion of the present title of the Regiment were that as the date 1921 appears at the foot of the tablet, and as it is now one hundred and seven years since the title "95th Rifle Corps" was changed to that of the "Rifle Brigade," some difficulty would have been experienced in tracing the identity of the Regiment had the latter title not been inserted.

The Badge at the top of the tablet is the modern one, the whole idea being that the present Regiment

wish to show that it can "remember" and "do honour" to its predecessors.

The Spanish inscription, as will be seen, is not a literal translation of the English, but is almost the same.

In the article mentioned in the CHRONICLE of 1913 in a P.S. is given a notice that a different kind of Memorial was intended. The site chosen by H.M. the late King Edward VII in the "Plaza" was found to be impracticable owing to the water pipes running under the paving of the "Plaza" and further a high column in the very small space would not have been altogether suitable. After a great deal of consultation and delay, the latter caused by the late War, and with the concurrence of Mr. and Miss Hudson and the Alcalde of Vera, the Memorial as now erected was agreed upon. Brigadier-General L. L. Nicol, C.B., and Colonel H. C. Petre, C.M.G., took a great deal of trouble in the matter, and it is greatly owing to their efforts that the tablets were at last erected and the gallant deeds of Captain Cadoux and his men are now recorded on the spot where the action took place.

Visitors to Vera at the present time would hardly be able to realize that on 31 August 1813 such a sanguinary fight took place at this Bridge. The village itself is small, the country round on the south side agricultural, peaceful and quiet. On the north the ground sides steeply to the Rhune. And yet in the year mentioned, fighting of a very severe description was going on all round it.

Five weeks after the fight at the Bridge, the Light Division forced the passage of the Pyrenees up the slope seen in the photograph of the Bridge through

what is known as the "Pass of Vera," and the whole of the Army under Wellington established itself on the high ground, the northern side of the mountains looking down on the plains of Southern France, whilst to the N.W. on the coast lie the towns of St. Jean de Luz and nine miles further along, Biarritz.

The "Pass of Vera" action on 7 October was followed on 10 November by the Battle of the "Nivelle," and thirty days later by the five days' Battle of the Nive.

Previous to the Vera Bridge action, after Vittoria, 21 June 1813, all through July and August, there had been severe fighting, marching and counter-marching, so much so that a clasp was given for these actions. It is almost incredible that the Regiment only received this Honour "Pyrenees" so lately as 1910.

As we as a Regiment have dedicated these tablets to the "Glory of God and in Memory of Captain Daniel Cadoux and his Gallant Riflemen, whose fame can never die," so may the many splendid deeds of the Regiment in the late War be recorded as an epitaph to those glorious comrades who laid down their lives for King and Country.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION 2ND BATTALION

THE 2nd Battalion Medal Collection was commenced in 1893, Colonels Slade and Verner and Captain F. E. Lawrence being largely responsible for the formation of the collection.

In the CHRONICLES for 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1910, accounts of the progress of the collection have appeared, and give much useful information about individual medals and the campaigns for which they were awarded.

It has now been decided to commence a second case with a view to collecting Medals and Decorations awarded to Riflemen who distinguished themselves during the late War, and the following Medals will be especially acceptable :—

Military Cross.

Distinguished Service Medal.

Military Medal.

1914 Star.

General Service Medal.

Victory Medal.

Foreign decoration awarded to Riflemen of the Battalion.

The collection is now composed of the following :—

TOP ROW.

- No. 1. Medal to commemorate services of the Rifle Corps at Copenhagen, awarded Sergeant John Robinson.
- No. 2. Naval General Service Medal with Clasp for Copenhagen, awarded Samuel Welsford.

The Naval General Service Medal, with Clasps for various actions between 1793 and 1840, was not issued until 1848. Although there were present at the action of

Copenhagen four Officers and 109 other ranks of the Rifle Corps in addition to Lt.-Col. Hon. W. Stewart, only two Riflemen figure in the official Medal Roll as having received the Naval General Service Medal with Clasp, Copenhagen. These two Riflemen are described in the official Medal Roll as follows :—

Pasley, Hugh, Rifleman, H.M.S. *Isis*.

Stiff, James, Private 95th Rifles, H.M.S. *St. George*.

According to Histories of the Regiment and to the 1st Battalion records : "An appropriate Medal was issued on this occasion by Admiral Lord Nelson to the non-commissioned officers and several soldiers." In the CHRONICLE for 1893 these Medals are discussed, and there is an illustration of one in the collection of the late Mr. H. Irwin, which, it is suggested, is the Medal referred to. But from the illustration it appears very unlikely that a decoration of this nature, which is more in the form of a commemorative medallion and has no design to denote any connection with the services of the Rifle Corps, should have been given as a special reward for services rendered by the Corps. The Copenhagen Medal awarded to Sergeant Robinson would appear much more to fulfil this purpose.

No. 3. Medal for Monte Video, awarded Sergeant John Robinson.

No. 4. Cross for Monte Video, awarded Sergeant Staples.

Three Companies of the 2nd Battalion took part in the storm and capture of Monte Video.

The Detachment was specially thanked in General Orders for their gallantry on this occasion, and eleven Sergeants of the Regiment were awarded Medals.

The Medal awarded Sergeant Robinson was purchased at a sale, together with the Copenhagen Medal of this N.C.O., in 1894, through the efforts of Colonels Slade and Boyle, who collected about £70.

That awarded Sergeant Staples was secured for the collection by Colonel J. Harington, who collected £25 for the purpose.

No. 5. Military General Service Medal, awarded Rifleman W. Weston, with Clasps, Talavera, Busaco, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Toulouse.

From the fact that Weston was present at the battle of Busaco he appears to have been a 1st Battalion man.

The Battalion of Detachments formed of men left behind in Spain and Portugal in 1809 had a Rifle Company composed of those of the 1st and 2nd Battalions ; these were present at the Battle of Talavera and greatly distinguished themselves.

Ten clasps were awarded to the Regiment for Talavera.

No. 6. Military General Service Medal, awarded Rifleman W. Sherman, with Clasps Barrosa, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca.

No. 7. Military General Service Medal, awarded Sergeant S. Bedford, with Clasps Vimiera, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Toulouse.

- No. 8. Waterloo Medal, awarded Sergeant S. Bedford.

This Medal has a silver bar inscribed on one side "2nd Bn. Rifle Bde." and on the other "S. Bedford." Above this is another bar inscribed "Monte Video" and "Peninsula."

These Clasps or Bars were as a rule given to the recipient by the Officers of the Regiment to commemorate former service and were unofficial. Some Regiments had very elaborate designs with miniatures of the Regimental Badge on them.

- No. 9. Military General Service Medal, awarded Rifleman Thomas Cooper, with Clasps Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, St. Sebastian, Orthes, Toulouse.

This Rifleman was a 1st Battalion man.

- No. 10. Military General Service Medal, awarded Sergeant John Lowe, with Clasps Roleia, Vimiera, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrénées.

- No. 11. Waterloo Medal, awarded Corporal John Lowe.

- No. 12. Military General Service Medal, awarded Corporal James Tomlinson, with Clasps Corunna, Vittoria, Pyrénées, St. Sebastian, Nivelles, Nive, Orthes, Toulouse.

This N.C.O. belonged to the 1st Battalion.

The Honour "St. Sebastian" is not among those awarded to the Regiment to commemorate its Peninsular Services. The stormers were composed of fifty Volunteers and an Officer from each Battalion of the Regiment. Of these, two Officers and twenty-four men were killed, and only fifty-eight survived long enough to claim and receive the Clasp in 1849.

- No. 13. Waterloo Medal, awarded Corporal James Tomlinson. This medal was purchased at Leicester by the late Colonel W. Verner, quite by chance, and found to be the companion to No. 12.

- No. 14. Waterloo Medal, awarded Rifleman L. Miller, 2nd Battalion.

- No. 15. Waterloo Medal, awarded Rifleman Crouch, 3rd Battalion.

The Military General Service Medal was authorized in 1847 and issued in 1848. It was given to commemorate services during the War commencing 1793 and ending 1814. Twenty-eight Clasps were given, of which eight were for service in countries other than Spain and Portugal. Of the remaining twenty the Regiment were entitled to seventeen.

SECOND ROW.

- No. 16. French Military Medal.

- No. 17. Victoria Cross.

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| No. 18. Crimea Medal with Clasps, Alma, Inkerman, Sevastopol. | } awarded
Rifleman
R. McGregor
2nd Battalion R.B. |
| No. 19. Indian Mutiny Medal, with Clasp, Lucknow. | |
| No. 20. Turkish Crimea Medal. | |

McGregor was awarded the Victoria Cross in the *London*

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Gazette, 24 February 1857 for gallantry in capturing with two other Rifleman a Russian rifle pit in broad daylight.

This group of Medals was obtained in 1910 by Brigadier-General G. Cockburn, who collected £75 for their purchase from past and serving Officers of the 2nd Battalion.

- No. 21. Victoria Cross. Awarded Rifleman J. Bradshaw, who was with McGregor and received the decoration for the same act of gallantry.

The other Medals to which Bradshaw was entitled, with the exception of the Turkish Crimea, were unfortunately missing, and have been replaced by the following:—

- No. 22. Crimea Medal, awarded Rifleman C. Halpin, with Clasps Alma, Inkerman, Sevastopol.
 No. 23. Indian Mutiny Medal, awarded Rifleman H. Norris, with Clasps Lucknow and Central India.
 No. 24. Long Service and Good Conduct, awarded to Rifleman J. Breach, 4th Battalion R.B.
 No. 25. French Military Medal.
 No. 26. Turkish Crimea Medal, awarded Rifleman J. Bradshaw, 2nd Battalion R.B.

The French Military Medal was awarded Bradshaw for having accompanied Captain Forman in a night reconnaissance to the Russian advanced works on several occasions.

- No. 27. Victoria Cross, Rifleman R. Humpston, awarded for gallantry on the same occasion as the above two Rifleman.

The Cross was in the collection of Captain A. St. L. Glyn, late Grenadier Guards, who read an account of the 2nd Battalion collection in the *CHRONICLE* for 1910 and very kindly presented Humpston's Cross to the 2nd Battalion.

The other Medals to which Humpston was entitled were missing and have been replaced by:—

- No. 28. Crimea Medal with Clasps, Alma, Inkerman, Sevastopol.
 No. 29. Indian Mutiny Medal with Clasp Lucknow.
 No. 30. Turkish Crimea Medal.

All awarded to Rifleman J. C. Carrol, 2nd Battalion.

- No. 31. The Legion of Honour. This decoration was conferred on two N.C.O.'s of the Regiment during the Crimea War.

THIRD ROW.

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| No. 32. South Africa 1846-7. | } Awarded No.
1500 Rifleman
J. Cooper 1st
Battalion R.B. |
| No. 33. Crimea Medal with Clasps Alma, Balaklava, Inkerman, Sevastopol. | |
| No. 34. Turkish Crimea Medal. | |
| No. 35. South Africa 1846-7. | } Awarded
Rifleman
R. Green, 2nd
Battalion R.B. |
| No. 36. Crimea Medal with Clasps Alma, Inkerman, Sevastopol. | |
| No. 37. Turkish Crimea Medal. | |

The South African Medal was awarded to Green while in the 1st Battalion, the two Crimean he earned with the 2nd, to which Battalion he volunteered with ninety-nine other men from the 1st Battalion.

- No. 38. Crimean Medal with Clasps Alma, Balaklava, Inkerman,

Sevastopol, awarded Rifleman A. Tomalin, 2nd Battalion R.B.

- No. 39. Sardinian Medal for the Crimea, awarded Corporal T. Tarrant, 1st Battalion, R.B.

This Rifleman volunteered on 17 October to lie out in front of the works to keep down the enemy's fire. He was present at Sorties on 13 August 1855, and served through the whole Campaign without leaving the front. He received the Crimea Medal with four Clasps.

The King of Sardinia conferred a Medal for service in the Crimea upon 400 Officers, N.C.O.s and Men of the Army. Twelve Officers and four N.C.O.s and Riflemen of the Regiment received the Medal.

- No. 40. Turkish Crimea Medal, awarded Rifleman C. Carter, 2nd Battalion R.B.
 No. 41. Indian Mutiny Medal, Clasp Lucknow, awarded Rifleman A. Booth, 2nd Battalion R.B.
 No. 42. Indian Mutiny Medal, Clasp Central India, awarded Rifleman G. Cager, 2nd Battalion R.B.
 No. 43. Indian General Service Medal with Clasp N.W. Frontier (1864), awarded Rifleman W. Jones, 2nd Battalion R.B.
 No. 44. Canadian General Service Medal, awarded Rifleman F. Taylor, 1st Battalion R.B.

(Fenian Raid 1866-70. This medal was authorized in 1899.) The 1st Battalion took part in the suppression of both risings.

- No. 45. Ashanti 1873-4 with Clasp Coomassie, awarded No. 1545 Rifleman W. H. Luscombe, 2nd Battalion R.B.

The 2nd Battalion formed part of the Expeditionary Force under Sir Garnet Wolseley.

- No. 46. Indian General Service Medal with Clasp Jowaki 1877-8 awarded No. 2650 Corporal J. Tyler, 4th Battalion R.B.

This was the first occasion on which the 4th Battalion were employed in active service since they were raised in 1857.

- No. 47. Afghanistan 1878-79 with Clasp Ali Musjid, awarded No. 1133, Rifleman J. Harnden, 4th Battalion R.B.
 No. 48. Sudan 1884 with Clasp. The Nile 1884-85 and Abu Klea, awarded No. 1509 Rifleman J. Payne, 2nd Battalion R.B. The Rifle Company of the Camel Corps was formed by detachment from 2nd and 3rd Battalions.
 No. 49. The Khedive's Bronze Star, awarded No. 1509, Rifleman J. Payne, 2nd Battalion R.B.

FOURTH ROW.

- No. 50. India General Service Medal with Clasp Burma 1885-7, and Burma 1887-89, awarded No. 5559 Rifleman J. Buckingham, 1st Battalion R.B.
 No. 51. India General Service Medal with Clasp Burma 1887-89, Burma 1889-92, awarded No. 1773 Rifleman T. Croft, 4th Battalion R.B.
 No. 52. Ashanti Star 1895, awarded No. 1074 Rifleman A. Griffiths, 4th Battalion R.B.

Twenty-five N.C.O.s and Riflemen of the 2nd Battalion

under Captain A. Fuller-Acland-Hood, formed No. 10 Section of No. 5 Company Special Service Corps which had been formed at Aldershot in November 1895.

- No. 53. Rhodesia 1896, awarded No. 681 Rifleman W. Eastéal, 3rd Battalion R.B.

Detachment of the 2nd and 4th Battalions formed part of the forces employed in the operations. This medal was given with the official approval of the Chartered Company of South Africa and was the first issue of a private medal since the days of John Company.

- No. 54. The Second India General Service Medal with Clasp Tirah 1897-98, awarded No. 681 Rifleman W. Eastéal, 3rd Battalion R.B.

The 3rd Battalion took part in this Campaign.

- No. 55. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

The Long Service Medal was first instituted in 1830.

- No. 56. Gold Badge Best Shot Battalion, awarded Corporal W. Turner 1st Battalion R.B.

- No. 57. Distinguished Conduct Medal, awarded Corporal W. Turner, 1st Battalion R.B. Was awarded the D.C.M. together with a gratuity of £10 for services in the Crimea. Medal instituted 1854.

- No. 58. Silver Badge, Best Shot Company, awarded Sergeant-Major C. Cousens, 2nd Battalion R.B.

- No. 59. Meritorious Service Medal, awarded Sergeant-Major C. Cousens, 2nd Battalion R.B., who joined the 2nd Battalion in 1832, became Sergeant-Major 1843, was discharged 1853 and became Sergeant-Major to a Volunteer Corps.

This Medal was instituted 1845.

- No. 60. Sudan, 1898, awarded No. 3825 Rifleman B. Bayliss, 2nd Battalion R.B.

- No. 61. Khedive's Sudan Medal 1898.

The 2nd Battalion took part in the operation for the reconquest of the Sudan.

- No. 62. Queen's South African Medal with Clasps Cape Colony, Tugela Heights, Relief of Ladysmith, Laing's Nek, Transvaal, awarded No. 6147 Rifleman W. McMarran, 1st Battalion R.B.

- No. 63. Queen's South African Medal with Clasp Defence of Ladysmith, awarded No. 3825 Rifleman B. Bayliss, 2nd Battalion R.B.

- No. 64. Queen's South African Medal with Clasps Belfast, Natal, awarded No. 1747 Rifleman W. Bloomfield, Rifle Brigade.

- No. 65. King's South African Medal with Clasps South Africa 1901, South Africa 1902, awarded No. 7920 Rifleman S. Miles, Rifle Brigade.

The 2nd Battalion proceeded to South Africa from Crete and took part in the defence of Ladysmith and later greatly distinguished itself at the action of Bergendal, 27 August 1900.



EDWARD COSTELLO.

STORIES OF THE REGIMENT

EDWARD COSTELLO.

THE Regiment is indebted to Mr. E. Mansfield Hanson, of Letchworth, for the portrait of Edward Costello, which is, as far as the Editor knows, the only one in existence of this gallant Rifleman.

The portrait shows Costello in the uniform of the Rifle Battalion of the British Auxiliary Legion, with which he served as a Captain in Spain during the War of 1835-6. He was awarded the cross of a Knight of San Ferdinand and Isabella II (K.S.F.). This decoration, which is shown in the portrait on the right of his Peninsula Medal, was lent for inspection after his death by one of his sons to a collector (always a rash proceeding) and never returned. His other four medals and decorations are on loan in the Regimental case at the Royal United Service Institution.

FUNERAL OF WARDER COSTELLO.

Can he pass from us without a thought
Of the many battles he has fought.
So many fields of strife and conquest sharing ;
The Peninsula, Pyrenees, and Waterloo, all saw his daring.
Ever foremost in Forlorn Hope, no danger heeding,
Left seven times on the Field, wounded, bleeding,
Loaded with honours ;—one of England's Brave.
O Gently, Gently, lay him in the grave.

30 *July* 1869.

H. H.

Accounts of the services and medals of this famous

Rifleman appeared in the CHRONICLES for 1910 and 1916. Mr. Hanson, who as a small boy remembers Costello, also sent the acrostic which was written by his father on returning from the funeral of the old Rifleman in 1869.

THE 1ST BATTALION IN 1861.

An old officer of the Regiment contributes the following episodes which may be of interest to the readers of the RIFLE BRIGADE CHRONICLE.

In 1861 I joined the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade in Richmond Barracks, Dublin, just after their arrival from Aldershot.

The Battalion was commanded by Lord Alexander Rupell, and the General-in-Command in Ireland was Sir George Brown (a former Rifleman and then a Colonel Commandant of the Regiment). It was the custom in Dublin for the Colours to be trooped once a month, each Regiment taking the duty in turn.

Having no Colours, we thought, of course, we should be exempted from the performance, but Sir George Brown insisted that The Rifle Brigade should take their turn with the other Regiments of the Garrison.

I may observe here that Sir George Brown did not seem to us to be a very enthusiastic Rifleman. I see in Colonel Boyle's Centenary he only came to the Regiment as a Lieutenant-Colonel. I remember hearing him once object to our march-past air, "95," and called it a "Jack-a-Dandy" tune and inferior to the "Huntsman's Chorus" which the Regiment marched past to in his time.

Orders, however, had to be obeyed, and the Troop-

ing of the Colours was duly carried out. Some mistakes were made, it is said purposely, such as the Colours being carried at the trail, etc., etc.

I do not know where the Colours came from, but a Union Jack was somehow provided from Headquarters for the purpose.

Shortly after the performance an order came from the Horse Guards (inspired, it was said, by H.R.H. The Prince Consort, then Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment) that The Rifle Brigade was not to be required in future to troop the Colours, and subsequently the Queen's Regulations—or was it the Drill Book—were altered to that effect.

Another little incident was as follows:—

In 1861 the Prince of Wales (afterwards King Edward VII) was sent to the Curragh to go through a course of Military instruction and attached to the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards. A special Brigade was formed for his benefit consisting of the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, the 36th Regiment, and the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade. This Brigade, of course, took the right of the Infantry line, The Rifle Brigade being on the left of the 1st Brigade, the 2nd and 3rd Infantry Brigade to the left of them.

At the first General Parade at the Curragh, when Sir George Brown took the salute, he objected to seeing green coats in the centre of a red line, and in his usual forcible manner exclaimed in a loud voice (I had this from one who heard him), "Why, damn me, it looks like a rotten tooth in an old woman's head." He ordered that for the future The Rifle Brigade were to take their place on the extreme right of the Infantry line. This was carried out at the next General Parade, and The Rifle Brigade con-

sequently marched past first. This caused great indignation in the Grenadier Guards. Colonel H. Percy (afterwards Lord Henry Percy), who commanded the Grenadier Guards, complained strongly, and after a little time The Rifle Brigade was (it is believed by orders from the Horse Guards) moved and joined the 3rd Infantry Brigade and so took their place on the extreme left of the line. Sir George Brown, however, did not like his rulings upset, and at the next Parade he made the Division march past, left in front, which again caused The Rifle Brigade to march past first.

There is a third episode which, however, I do not remember, though I must have been present.

At a Parade, either at the Curragh or in Dublin, in the same year, viz. 1861, before H.M. Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort (it must have been just before the latter died), it is said that The Rifle Brigade were ordered to double past in front of the R.H.A., Cavalry, and R.A., and quite independently of the rest of the Infantry.

It is said this was at the request of H.R.H. The Prince Consort, who was our Colonel-in-Chief, but, as I said before, I have no recollection of this event.

THE 1ST BATTALION IN FRANCE 1917 AND 1918.

In the CHRONICLE for 1922 there appeared translations of two German appreciations of the conduct of the 1st and 2nd Battalions in action in France in 1914 and 1915.

The following are translations of two French appreciations of the 1st Battalion whilst billeted behind the line in France in 1917 and 1918.

The first letter is dated 3 April 1917, and is from

the Mayor of La Thieuloye, a small village near St. Pol, where the 1st Battalion was billeted during its training and preparation for the Battles of Arras, 1917, that began on 9 April. It reads as follows :—

“To the Colonel of the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, quartered at La Thieuloye.

“I have the honour of expressing to you my hearty thanks for the ready help given by the officers and men during the fire that broke out yesterday in the village. Without their assistance, the house of a poor woman, a victim of the war, would have been completely destroyed. I take this opportunity of thanking you for the work of improvement to the roads of the Commune that your men have been engaged on during the time they have been quartered at La Thieuloye.

“Will you very kindly express to the officers and men my own personal gratitude and that of the unfortunate woman, and accept yourself my deepest regard and respect.”

It is unnecessary to say that road improvements were not the only work performed by the Battalion at La Thieuloye! The fact was that, like all Riflemen, they could not rest content with the appalling state the village was in on their arrival, and, to the great astonishment of the inhabitants, almost immediately set to work to improve their surroundings and the general sanitation of the place.

The second letter is dated 11 March 1918, and is from the Mayor of Simencourt, a village behind Arras, where the Battalion was billeted whilst training and waiting for the commencement of the German offensive. It reads as follows :—

“To the Colonel of the Battalion.

“On behalf of my fellow inhabitants I wish to express to you the excellent impression that has been left on the Commune of Simencourt by your Battalion during its stay from the 5th February to the 10th March. This has been largely due to the cordial

relations that have existed between your Regiment and the inhabitants.

“May we also particularly express our gratitude to the Doctor for all the care that he has so generously exercised.”

The Doctor attached to the Battalion at this time was Lieutenant J. W. Aldridge of the United States Army, whose chief work at Simencourt consisted of assisting infants into the world. It should be added that the presence of the 1st Battalion in the village at the time was not contributory to the Doctor's labours: this was the Battalion's first visit to Simencourt!

The following stories are contributed by Colonel C. H. B. Norcott, C.M.G. :—

THOMAS ATKINS, RIFLEMAN.

In the old days and probably now, “Pattern Sheets” were made out and used as a guide to filling in Defaulter Sheets and other documents concerning the men. The name of the man who figured at the head of these was in the 1st Battalion, Rifleman James Graves, and his records of crime was placed in the front of the book for easy reference. The study of this man's career in misfortune was instructive. He went from bad to worse, until his final sentence, when he got heavy imprisonment, Crossed Cupped, marked with the letter D, and was personally conducted to the barrack gate by the buglers, to the tune of the Rogue's March, and shoved outside, to renew his life as a civilian. The pattern man of the 2nd Battalion was Thomas Atkins. As every Regiment in the Army were keeping their Messing and Pay Accounts as they thought fit, it occurred to the War Office that uniformity would be of advantage, so they requested certain Regiments to send in a statement

as to how they managed such matters. Amongst others, Colonel Sir Arthur Lawrence, then Commanding the 2nd Battalion (this was in the early 'fifties), sent in Rifleman T. Atkins' Account Sheet. This was selected by the War Office as the pattern to be adhered to by the Infantry, and, so our hero rose to fame, though now that people have taken to call him Tommy he has dropped out of the vocabulary of Riflemen.

A PENINSULAR TOAST.

An old Peninsular Toast, which the men still drank to in my time :

“ Green Tufts and Short Barrels.”

The allusions were evidently to the Baker Rifle, and the little horsehair tuft worn on the top of the cap.

THE 2ND BATTALION SENTRY.

A certain gallant officer of the 2nd Battalion who had bled for his country in the Crimea, and was not so punctilious in peace time, ventured, the night being very wet, to take the Rounds in a hack cab. On arrival at the main guard, he demanded of the sentry, why he had not turned out the guard. “ Sir,” said the Rifleman, “ I did not expect you in a cab.” “ Oh, didn't you. Well, look here, my man. If I came in a car drawn by fiery dragons, or from heaven in a b——y parachute, it is your duty to turn the guard out.” “ Guard, turn out ! ”

The following stories of the 3rd Battalion in India and the 4th Battalion in Canada are contributed by Major-General Sir L. V. Swaine, K.C.B., C.M.G. :—

3RD BATTALION, 1860.

During the Mutiny and for some time afterwards the men and officers serving in India were

allowed to grow beards. Colonel Alexander Macdonnell, Commanding the 3rd Battalion, did not endorse this permission, and the shaving-pot with its brush formed part of the barrack-rooms cupboard furniture. When leave was again granted and the Colonel went off for six months, hair gradually showed itself on the brawny cheeks and chins of the veteran Riflemen, thanks to the less exacting temporary Commanding Officer.

By the time Colonel Macdonnell returned from England the Battalion looked like a body of wild bush-rangers, and at the end of the first morning parade the Colonel addressed them in a few words of hearty greeting ending in a quick and sharp falsetto :

“ ‘But there’s too much hair, too much hair.’ ”

The magnetic influence of this splendid Commanding Officer sufficed. Cheek and chin were clean-shaven next morning.

THE 4TH BATTALION IN CANADA, 1865.

When the 4th Battalion arrived in Canada in the summer of 1865, it was encamped at Point Levis, opposite Quebec, in the Citadel of which the 1st Battalion, under Lord Alexander Russell, was quartered.

We had a glorious camp there. Our mess tent stood at the top of a slight rise in the ground. Below it came the officers’ tents and then the men’s with a broad strip of grass down the centre. At the end of the tents was a good sized pond with a sentry over it, as it was supposed to be water for cooking purposes.

The view from the mess tent was superb. The ground, studded with trees and shrubs, formed a gentle slope to the St. Lawrence River. Beyond were

the Montmorency Falls and as a background to the whole scenery were dark green forests of pines and maple.

Our duty was to build and renew a line of earth-works, the frontier of the United States being only about sixty miles away.

One day our working parties brought back news that an American, very much the worse for liquor, had been trying to set some huts on fire. He declared they were his and that they were heavily insured. When he was prevented from doing it he became abusive, and said he would make a formal complaint against the Battalion.

That evening we had just finished Mess when a ruffianly-looking fellow entered the tent and called out: "Who is the Boss here? Who is the Quartermaster?" and then began telling a long story.

We quickly realized that our visitor was the drunken scoundrel our men had seen earlier in the day, so we closed round him and on some one making use of the word "pond" we seized him by the shoulders and legs and walked him down to the pond. There we swung him one, two, three, and pitched him into the water.

Irony of fate would have it that the sentry, Jim Lyng, was one of the most unsoldierly specimens in the British Army, and a man continually in trouble. But it could not be helped. We handed the drunken Yankee over to him, and Jim quite played the game and thoroughly enjoyed the situation.

Next morning when Colonel Elrington came into camp I saw that a storm was brewing.

"I wish to see all the officers at noon," was his only remark to me.

At 12 o'clock we were all assembled at the mess tent. The Colonel at once began by telling us that an American gentleman had called upon him that morning and had described to him the most ungentlemanly treatment he had the night before received at the hands of the officers of the Battalion, and he ordered me to tell him who they were. I answered, "I was one," and immediately every other subaltern answered in the same way.

"All the officers are confined to camp for the day," was the reply, and the Colonel left the tent and the camp and went home.

There was only one thing now to be done. We decided to give an afternoon tea-party. All our servants were employed in carrying round invitations to the Quebec society, and we had a tremendous gathering of cheery folks. These included Colonel and Mrs. Elrington. The Colonel was as cheery as a sandboy.

When the breaking up moment came, much chaff sprang up between the 1st Battalion, who alone had been told what had happened, and ourselves. They were lavish in their invitations to come over and dine that evening.

On thinking the whole episode over I became convinced that the Colonel had done a piece of high-class play-acting (for I firmly believe that in his heart of hearts he enjoyed the action of his subalterns). Had the Yankee appealed to higher authority, Colonel Elrington had saved his face by confining us to camp. I also felt that he would never allow an outsider to round on his officers without giving a full measure, of which he was fully capable of doing, in return.

“ SPRING-HEELED JACK.”

The following appeared in the daily press during the month of October at the close of a burglary account :—

“ The civil and military police are making inquiries concerning the affair, which brings to the mind of old inhabitants of Aldershot the escapades of the illusive individual named ‘ Spring-heeled Jack,’ who, in the early ’80’s made nocturnal visits to sentries round the camp, leaving them in a state of alarm.

“ He eventually proved to be a Captain in the Rifle Brigade.”

The Editor, however, is informed by Viscount Dillon that this is wrong, and that “ Spring-heeled Jack ” was an officer in the Grenadier Guards. He was an extremely active man, and by wearing springs on his heels accomplished the most amazing leaps.

A favourite feat of his was to leap a hedge or wall and alight in front of the startled sentry and to then disappear by the same means.

REGIMENTAL NOTES

The Chronicle for 1923.

THIS issue of the CHRONICLE has been printed by Messrs. Butler & Tanner Ltd., and in future all inquiries should be addressed to the Club Secretary, Major W. H. Davies, who has undertaken the storage and issue of the CHRONICLE, thereby effecting a considerable saving in time and money.

Inquiries should not therefore now be addressed to Messrs. Ball Sons and Danielson.

The Moore Memorial at Shorncliffe.

ON 5 July was unveiled at Shorncliffe by H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, the Statue of Lieutenant-General Sir John Moore, K.B.

H.R.H. also performed on the same day the ceremony of opening the Moore Memorial Library.

The Guard of Honour was formed by the 43rd Light Infantry, who were stationed at Shorncliffe.

The originator in 1912 of the Memorial scheme was Lieutenant-General Sir Aylmer Haldane, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., who was at the time Brigadier-General Commanding the 10th Infantry Brigade at Shorncliffe. He undertook the duties of Hon. Secretary to the Memorial Committee of which H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught was Chairman, and it is due to his energy and enthusiasm that sufficient funds were obtained to make the Memorial an existing factor. The thanks of all members of the Light Division are due to him for this work of love and for

supplying a badly needed memorial not only to one of Britain's greatest soldiers but to one of her most historic Divisions.

Short notices of the Memorial appeared in the *CHRONICLES* for 1913 and 1915, and in that for the latter year appeared an illustration of the Statue by Mr. John Tweed, which has now been unveiled.

The stained-glass windows of the Library contain the Arms of the following famous Light Division Officers: Moore, Crauford, Colborne, Beckwith, Barnard, Mackenzie and Rohan; while on the walls are Shields inscribed with the Arms and names of the following:—

R. Barclay (52nd).	Peter O'Hara (95th).
J. Fergusson (43rd).	H. O. Ross (R.H.A. Chestnut Troop).
E. Hull (43rd).	J. Shaw Kennedy (43rd).
Coote Manningham (95th).	W. Stewart (95th).
C. M'Leod (43rd).	H. Wade (95th).
G. T. Napier (52nd).	
W. F. P. Napier (43rd and 52nd).	

The Library has been surmounted by an iron weather-cock, which Sir Aylmer Haldane saved from the ruined village of Zillebeke in the Ypres salient, when he was commanding the 3rd Division.

Several articles of interest have already been presented to the Library, including Sir John Moore's mantle as a Knight of the Bath, a pair of flint-lock pistols formerly his property, also a number of books. Sir Aylmer Haldane hopes that those in possession of relics associated with Moore and the Light Division will present them, as the Library is intended to serve

as a kind of Valhalla for the Commander and Regiments of the Light Division.

Those wishing to contribute should communicate with Sir Aylmer Haldane, Naval and Military Club, 94 Piccadilly, London, W.1.

The Rank of Rifleman.

AFTER years of struggle the use of the rank Rifleman in place of Private has at last been officially recognized by Army Order No. 222 1923 dated June 1923, which reads as follows:—

“Rank of Private—Future designation in certain corps.

(1) In future, private soldiers of the following corps will be described as shown:—

Cavalry of the Line.	. . . . .	Trooper
Foot Guards	. . . . .	Guardsmen
Fusilier Regiments	. . . . .	Fusilier
Rifle Regiments	. . . . .	Rifleman

(2) Army Order 160 of 1909 is hereby cancelled.

(3) The necessary amendment will be made to Regulations.”

The Colour-Sergeant's Badge.

THE illustration is of the embroidered badge worn above the chevrons on both arms by Colour-Sergeants of the Regiment prior to 1877, when the design was slightly changed and two Bugle Horns were displayed below the crossed swords.

The badge was at first worn in gold embroidery, the blades of the crossed swords being of silver wire. Later this gave place to one worked in black silk, the acorns in the wreath being picked out in green.

The badge in the illustration is drawn from one in the possession of Major H. Hone, who writes:—

“Respecting the gold badge: I cannot say when the badge was introduced, it was worn on the tunic and shell jacket by Colour-

Sergeants when I joined in 1857. When the serge frock came into use, about 1862, the badge was only worn on the tunic, the frock for Colour-Sergeants have Sergeants' chevrons and a crown above.



The design introduced in 1877 has remained unaltered to the present day, except for a change of crown with the accession of King Edward VII to the throne in 1902.

Point-to-Point.

IN January 1923, Major E. R. Kewley entered into negotiations with the Hampshire Hunt for a Point-to-Point Race for Officers of the Regiment at their Meeting, near Alton, on 7 April.

Owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the H.H. the negotiations failed.

Later in the year Colonel Alan Paley took over the Point-to-Point, and it is expected that a Green Jacket Meeting will be held in the spring of 1924.

RIFLE BRIGADE CLUB NOTES

(COMPILED BY MAJOR W. H. DAVIES.)

The Annual Regimental Dinner, 1923.

THE Annual Regimental Dinner was held on 5 June at the Savoy Hotel.

H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief was present and presided.

In spite of the fact that both Battalions of the Regiment were abroad, there were one hundred and twenty-eight members of the club present.

A cable conveying good wishes from the New Zealand Rifle Brigade was read by the Colonel-in-Chief and a reciprocal reply sent.

Major-General Sir L. V. Swaine, in replying to the toast of Past Riflemen, drew attention to the fact that in 1900 the 4th Battalion claimed a record by having its first eight Commanding Officers present at the dinner for that year, and that they could now claim another record by having present that evening four of the five survivors who served with the Battalion in Malta in 1861. Lord Abercrombie lived in Edinburgh and never came south, but the other four—Sir L. V. Swaine, Colonel G. Boyle, Colonel H. Brownrigg, and Major Hone—were sitting together, their joint ages being a fraction over three hundred and twenty-five years.

Veterans' Association Annual Dinner, 1923.

THE Eleventh Annual Dinner took place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Saturday, 12 May 1923.

The Chair was taken by General The Rt. Hon. Sir N. G. Lyttleton, G.C.B., G.C.V.O.

A large number of officers of the Regiment attended, and 179 old Riflemen, including the Chelsea In-Pensioners, sat down to dinner.

The Depot Band played a programme of music during dinner.

The following message was received and read from H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief:—

“ I wish to send warmest greetings to all old Riflemen assembled at the Veterans' Dinner to-night. Very much regret being unable to be with them and hope they will spend an enjoyable evening, and renew the feelings of comradeship which are so dear to the old soldier.”

The Regimental History.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL G. COCKBURN, C.B.E., D.S.O., has very kindly consented to undertake the work of completing the Regimental History up to the end of the Waterloo Campaign. The first two volumes of the History by the late Colonel Willoughby Verner carried the story down to 1813.

Whether there will be sufficient funds to publish the third volume upon its completion is at present doubtful, but readers are reminded that all moneys derived from the sale of Vols. I and II of the Regimental History by Colonel Verner, the Short History by Major H. G. Parkyn, and the short account by the late Colonel Verner, are devoted to the History fund ; these publications can be obtained from the Secretary, Major W. H. Davies, at 71 Eccleston Square, S.W.1.

The Memorial and the Roll of Honour.

MR. TWEED is at work on the statue of the Rifleman.

The work has been delayed owing to his absence abroad, but he has now returned.

The Book is now bound and completed as is also the casket which will contain it. The slab of Belgian marble, on which the case was to rest, was unfortunately broken in transit, and delay has been caused in its erection.

As soon as a new slab is received the Roll of Honour will be installed in the place allotted to the Regiment by the Cathedral authorities, and H.R.H. the Colonel-in-Chief has approved of a Service of Dedication being held in the Cathedral on the occasion of the unveiling.

The House at Winchester has been sold, and the money received placed to the credit of the Memorial Fund.

Owing to the depreciation in the value of house property and other causes, there has been a loss on this transaction.

The delay which has taken place since subscriptions were first asked for and received, has involved considerable clerical and other expenditure. These expenses have now been appreciably cut down.

The Committee would remind any who have not already subscribed that subscriptions would be very welcome. According to the scheme, the balance of the Fund, after paying for the Statue and Roll of Honour, is to be paid to the Rifleman's Aid Society, which is of enormous benefit to past riflemen and their families.

Subscriptions may be sent to Secretary, R.B. Memorial, 71 Eccleston Square, S.W.1.

Memorial Tablets.

THE Regimental Memorial Tablets to Field-Marshal Sir H. H. Wilson, G.C.B., D.S.O., M.P., and General Sir J. S. Cowans, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., M.V.O., which have been placed beneath the Rifle Brigade Centenary Memorial Window in Winchester Cathedral, have now been completed.

The thanks of the Regiment are due to Colonel the Hon. W. Coke, who undertook all arrangements in connection with the Memorials and under whose supervision the work was carried out.

Tyndall Exhibition, Cambridge.

MR. G. H. TYNDALL has taken steps to establish, after his death, an Exhibition at the University of Cambridge, to be tenable by a son of a Rifleman of any rank; in memory of his own son, 2nd Lieutenant Arthur G. Tyndall, 2nd Battalion, who was killed in action at Passchendaele, on 18 November 1917.

Graves in Crete.

EARLY in the year the Chairman, Sir Henry F. M. Wilson, received information regarding the neglected condition of the 60th and Rifle Brigade graves in the British Cemetery at Candia.

He corresponded on the subject with Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons, Contractors, and with their representative on the Harbour Works at Candia, and obtained fuller information, with a view to taking any steps that might prove to be necessary for the restoration and maintenance of the graves.

It has since been ascertained that the War Office

and the Foreign Office are taking joint action in the matter ; and it will not, therefore, in all probability, be necessary for the Committee to undertake expenditure.

Regimental Museum.

A SPECIAL Committee consisting of Lieut.-General Sir H. F. M. Wilson, Brig.-General The Earl of Lucan and Colonel Sir E. I. B. Grogan, Bart., was appointed to confer with representatives of the Celer et Audax Club regarding the establishment of a Green Jacket Museum at Winchester.

Eventually the 60th representatives decided not to participate in the scheme, and withdrew.

The War Office was then approached, through General Sir Walter Congreve, Colonel Commandant, 1st Battalion, and Commander-in-Chief, Southern Command, regarding accommodation.

The appropriation of two rooms at the Depot, for the purposes of the Museum, has now been definitely sanctioned, and the formation of a Rifle Brigade Museum is in progress.

During the year gifts of articles of regimental interest have been received from the undermentioned donors :—

(1) Lady Wilson has presented the following articles which were the property of the late Field-Marshal Sir H. H. Wilson, G.C.B., D.S.O., M.P. :—

(a) The full dress uniform and sword of a Field-Marshal.

(b) The first Staff Tunic worn by the late Field-Marshal.

(c) Mess Jacket, The Rifle Brigade.

(2) Mrs. Farnham has presented a large number

of water-colour paintings and photographs connected with the Regiment, which were formerly the property of Colonel Lord Edward Pelham Clinton.

(3) Viscount Dillon, C.H., has presented a collection of photographs of officers of the 1st Battalion when in Canada 1866.

(4) The Medals of the late Sergeant-Major J. Furey, M.C., have been deposited with the Regiment by Mrs. Furey, they consist of the following:—

Military Cross (for account see CHRONICLE for 1916, page 106).

The Distinguished Conduct Medal (for account see CHRONICLE 1917, page 54).

The King's and Queen's South African Medals.

The 1914 Star.

The General Service Medal.

The Victory Medal.

The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

(5) Captain K. H. Hopkins, M.C., presented the following:—

(a) Company Headquarters Pennant used by D Company (Captain K. H. Hopkins), 3rd Battalion The Rifle Brigade in France during the spring and summer of 1918.

The Pennant was damaged by shell fire in the Lens area.

(b) Hose Tops worn with shorts by Officers and N.C.O.'s of the 3rd Battalion The Rifle Brigade during summer 1918.

(6) The Hon. Mrs. Verner has presented to the Regiment a seal which was given to the late Colonel Verner by Miss Hudson, a great-niece of Captain Cadoux, and which commemorates the Battle of Barrosa, the first general action in which Cadoux took part

after his arrival in Spain with four companies of the then newly-raised 3rd Battalion in February 1811.

The design represents the Eagle of the 1st Battalion of the 8th Ligne, which was captured by the 87th Regiment during the Battle.

Prior to the loss of their Eagle, the 8th Ligne had been hotly engaged with the companies of the 3rd Battalion.

(7) R. Elrington, Esq., presented, through Major R. O. Bridgeman, to the Regiment the following articles formerly the property of the late Lieut.-General F. R. Elrington, C.B., Colonel Commander 4th Battalion The Rifle Brigade :—

Cloth Shako, worn latter part of 1860 until 1872,
and the Rifle Cap which succeeded it and
which continued in use until the introduction
of the Helmet.

Also an old pattern Water Bottle and a number of
documents connected with the Regiment.

(8) The late Lieut.-General Sir E. T. H. Hutton bequeathed to the Regiment—

A large Portrait of his half-brother, the late Captain F. E. Lawrence, and other mementos.

The portrait has been placed on loan to the Officers' Mess of the 2nd Battalion during their tour of duty in England.

Copenhagen.

IN 1922 and 1923 a wreath was sent, from the Regiment, on Trafalgar Day, 21 October, and placed at the foot of the Nelson Column, in Trafalgar Square, in commemoration of the Regiment's service under Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson at Copenhagen in 1801.

Publications.**RIFLE BRIGADE CHRONICLE.**

PERMISSION having been obtained from the War Office, the CHRONICLE is now announced in "The Monthly Army List," at the head of the Regimental List.

The CHRONICLE will in future be issued by the Secretary of The Rifle Brigade Club, from 71 Eccleston Square, and all inquiries with regard to non-receipt or request for previous numbers should be made to him and not to the publishers.

HISTORY AND CAMPAIGNS OF THE RIFLE BRIGADE.

As announced in last year's CHRONICLE, Brig.-General G. Cockburn, C.B.E., D.S.O., has very kindly undertaken the compilation of the III Part of the History, from the events dealt with in Part II to the end of the Waterloo Campaign.

Although the late Editor left a certain amount of manuscript, very little was actually written.

A SHORT ACCOUNT OF THE RIFLE BRIGADE,

By Colonel Willoughby Verner.

The Committee have purchased the stock, and all rights in respect of this work, from the Hon. Mrs. Verner.

Alteration of Rules.

THE following amendments have been made:—

The Rule that Officers Commanding Battalions

should not vote on a motion affecting the disposal of funds of the Club has been deleted.

The rate of Subscription has been made uniform, at £2 10s., for both Past and Present Officers.

Colonels Commandant of the Regiment have been appointed *ex-officio* members of the Committee.

Regimental Golfing Society.

It has been decided to organize a Regimental Golfing Society for Members of the Rifle Brigade Club, the object of the Society being to have an annual Regimental Meeting at a seaside course, and to play a series of team matches against other sides.

A Managing Committee of the following has been formed :—

Brig.-General Hon. R. Brand.

Brig.-General The Earl of Lucan.

Major Sir R. G. Graham, Bart.

Major H. G. Parkyn, Hon. Secretary.

Captain J. A. Davison.

R. V. Toynbee.

The Committee will select the names of players for sides and arrange details of the Annual Meeting.

Those who wish to enter their names for the Annual Meeting or for Team Matches are requested to send their names and address, handicap and club, to Major H. G. Parkyn at 2 Marloes Road, London, W.8.

When possible two sides will be organized to play outside matches. Team A will be composed of the Club's best players, and Team B of those of higher handicap.

OBITUARY

THE HONOURABLE H. L. S. LEE-DILLON.

THE HONOURABLE HARRY LEE STANTON LEE-DILLON was the only son of The Viscount and Lady Dillon, and was born 25 July 1874.

He was educated at Charterhouse and Sandhurst, and entered The Rifle Brigade as 2nd Lieutenant, 17 April 1895, resigning his commission 17 February 1897.

In August 1904 he married Brenda Mary, the eldest daughter of T. Smith, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., of Croft Cottage, Crawley, Sussex ; and secondly in 1913, Kathleen Clare, second daughter of James Atchinson, of Belfast and Sydney.

He died, aged 48, at Boulogne-sur-Mer on the 7 February 1923, after a very brief illness.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL R. GREY-EGERTON.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ROWLAND GREY-EGERTON was the youngest son of Sir Philip de Malpas Grey-Egerton, 10th Baronet.

He was born 23 October 1838, and was heir to the present Baronet.

He was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in The Rifle Brigade 24 October 1857, promoted Lieutenant 18 November 1859, Captain 7 May 1870, and retired 17 May 1879, being granted the Honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel 1 July 1881.

In his will he left £100 to the Riflemen's Aid Society.

He died, aged 85 years, at 2 Carlisle Place, Victoria Street, on 2 April 1923.

CAPTAIN P. G. HILL.

CAPTAIN PERCY GRAHAM HILL was the only son of the late Lieutenant-General Percy Hill, C.B., and great-nephew of Rowland, 1st Viscount Hill, G.C.B.

He was born 31 January 1848, and gazetted to The Rifle Brigade as Ensign 18 July 1866, and promoted Lieutenant 4 February 1871, Captain 1 September 1878, and retired 29 October 1881.

He served with the 4th Battalion during the expedition against the Jowakis in 1877 and received the Indian general service medal with clasp Jowaki, 1877-78.

He married firstly, in April 1872, Margaret Anne Hamilton, daughter of Lieut. Charles Stewart, who died in 1879; and secondly, on 21 June 1892, Alice Margaret, eldest daughter of the Rev. Canon H. Brown, Rector of Woolwich, who died in 1897.

He died, aged 76 years, at 261 Preston Road, Brighton, on 8 May 1923.

CAPTAIN A. B. G. S. HILL.

ARTHUR BLUNDELL GEORGE SANDYS HILL was the eldest son of George Augusta Hill, and was born on 13 May 1837, and was grandson to Arthur 2nd Marquis of Downshire.

He was gazetted to the Regiment as Ensign on 23 October 1855, and served with the 2nd Battalion during the suppression of the Indian Mutiny, receiving

the medal with clasp for the siege and capture of Lucknow.

He was promoted Lieutenant 7 September 1858, and Captain on 20 May 1868.

In 1869 he was placed on half-pay and retired from the Army in June 1873.

From 1878-98 he was one of H. M.'s Inspectors of Prisons in Ireland.

He married, in 1871, Helen Emily, third daughter of Dr. R. Chenevix Trench, Archbishop of Dublin, and had three sons and three daughters.

He died at Hothfield, Kent, 16 June 1923, aged 86 years.

THE HONOURABLE J. C. MAXWELL-SCOTT.

THE HONOURABLE JOSEPH CONSTABLE MAXWELL-SCOTT was the third son of the tenth Lord Herries, and was born 16 January 1847.

He was educated at Stonyhurst and was gazetted to The Rifle Brigade 9 March 1867, promoted Lieutenant on 28 October 1871, and retired in October 1874.

He served with the 1st Battalion during the Ashantee War of 1873-4, and received the medal with clasp for Coomassie.

In 1874 he married Mary Monica Hope-Scott, and had three sons.

Miss Hope-Scott was the daughter of Mr. James Robert Hope-Scott, G.C., and the heiress of Abbotsford, and on his marriage Mr. J. C. Maxwell took the additional name of Scott.

He died at a nursing home in London after a long illness on 29 August 1923, aged 76.

**SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL SIR A. F. BRADSHAW,
K.C.B.**

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL ALEXANDER FREDERICK BRADSHAW, K.C.B., was the son of G. Bradshaw, of the Inland Revenue Department, and was born in 1834. After being educated at a private school, at Cambridge, he qualified for the medical profession at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and entered the Army Medical Department in 1857, joining the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade as Assistant Medical Officer the same year. He served with the Battalion through the Mutiny and received the medal with clasp for Lucknow. After ten years with the Battalion he was transferred as Medical Officer to the Chestnut Troop R.H.A. During the Afghan War of 1879 he served on the Staff, and received the medal for the Campaign.

In 1884 he was principal Medical Officer to the Zhob Valley Expedition and was mentioned in despatches, while in 1891 he was principal Medical Officer to the Hazara (Black Mountains) Field Force, and was decorated with the C.B., mentioned in Despatches and received the Indian General Service Medal with clasp "Hazara." He continued to serve in India until 1895, when he retired. From 1892-5 he was principal Medical Officer to Her Majesty's Forces in India.

He was Honorary Physician to Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, and to his present Majesty, and in 1912 was advanced to Knight Commander of the Bath, and in 1914 received a reward for distinguished service.

During the late War, Sir Frederick Bradshaw was

Honorary Consulting Physician to the Military Hospitals at Oxford, and in the neighbourhood.

In 1864 he married Ellen, daughter of Colonel R. S. Ewart, and had three sons and five daughters.

Sir Frederick Bradshaw always evinced the greatest interest in the Regiment with which he was for so many years closely connected, and in the last issue of the CHRONICLE contributed an article giving some of his recollections while with the 2nd Battalion.

He died very suddenly at his residence, 111 Banbury Road, Oxford, 27 September 1923, aged 88.

CAPTAIN H. V. WINGFIELD-STRATFORD.

CAPTAIN HENRY VERNER WINGFIELD-STRATFORD was the second son of the late John Wingfield-Stratford, D.L., of Addington Park, Kent, and was born in 1851. He was gazetted Ensign in the Regiment, 28 May 1870, promoted Lieutenant 28 October 1871, and Captain 1 July 1880, and served with the 4th Battalion during the Waziri Expedition 1881. He retired 5 August 1885.

In 1893 he married Grace, the widow of Major J. Atkinson, of Village Park, Ealing. In 1899 he became a Justice of the Peace for the county of Hampshire. He died at 86 Holland Park on 21 November 1923, aged 72.

CAPTAIN D. S. A. COSBY.

CAPTAIN DUDLEY SYDNEY ASHWORTH COSBY was born in 1862, and was the only surviving son of Colonel R. A. G. Cosby. He was educated at Eton and gazetted to the Rifle Brigade as Lieutenant from the Middlesex Regiment on 3 May 1884, and resigned his

Commission 18 April 1888, and became a Captain in the 4th Battalion Scottish Rifles.

During the late War he served on the cable censorship.

He was a well-known writer on political subjects and wrote many articles and letters to the Press on current topics.

In 1895 he married Emily Mabel, the only daughter of Lieut.-General J. Gubbins, C.B., and had three sons and two daughters.

He died, aged 61, at Westcliff Lodge, West Bournemouth, on 23 December 1923.

CAPTAIN E. P. WATTS.

ALL Ranks of the Regiment will have been shocked to read of the murder of Captain E. P. Watts and his wife at Parachinar, N.W.F., during November. Captain E. P. Watts, who was home on leave in England at the outbreak of the late War, was attached to the 2nd Battalion, and proceeded with them to France. He served with them until about the middle of January 1915, when he left to join his own unit. He had recently been transferred from his Regiment, the 53rd Sikhs, to the Kurram Militia.

RIFLEMAN J. PENALUNA.

RIFLEMAN JOHN PENALUNA died at 12 Brynmaer Road, Battersea Park, on 27 December 1923, at the age of 73. He enlisted in the 2nd Battalion at Plymouth in 1868, when that Battalion was quartered there, after its return from India in 1867.

He served with this Battalion in the Ashantee Expedition of 1873 and received the Medal and Clasp.

He also had the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

He was best shot of "H" Company for several years, and had the distinction of wearing the "Silver Badge" which each company had in those days—the best shot of the Battalion wore a gold one.

John Penaluna was an excellent soldier, straightforward, honest, simple-hearted and loyal to a degree, well-known to all ranks and greatly respected. He was for thirteen years servant to Lieutenant (then Captain) G. Cockburn, and completed his twenty-one years at the same time (i.e. in 1889) as that Officer finished his time as Adjutant.

Retiring on pension he married the widow of Rifleman Dobson, who had died at the Curragh in 1884, and joined the Commissionaires; for over twenty-five years he was employed at the Hotel Metropole, and was well known as No. 888 Sergeant Penaluna.

The following N.C.O.'s and Riflemen of the 1st Bn. are reported as having died in India :—

Date	Place	Rank and Name	Cause
17 April	Station Hospital	Act.-Sergeant Bidlake ..	Result of an accident.
May	" "	Sergeant Lawford ..	Heat stroke
21 Nov.	" "	Rifleman Tibbitts ..	Appendicitis

The following N.C.O.'s and Riflemen of the 2nd Bn. are reported as having died in Chanak :—

Date	Place	Rank and Name.	Cause.
	Station Hospital, Kilia	Sergeant T. Byrne ..	Dysentery
	" "	A/Corpl. Smith ..	Meningitis
	" "	Rifleman Preston ..	Pneumonia

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